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Prominently such are those of JOHN FOLEY, manufacturer of fine gold pens and pencils, No. 169 Broadway. Their superior value is tested by the long time he has been engaged in our City in their manufacture.

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TO STATIONERS, JEWELLERS AND BOOKSELLERS.

We cheerfully recommend FOLEY'S GOLD PENS to the *Trade*. We have sold them for years; we are more than satisfied it is a pleasure to praise such good pens, and that too, at reasonable prices. We are well acquainted with Mr. Foley; he has been remarkably successful, and now the leading Gold Pen manufacturer; a pleasant, reliable man to do business with, and always accommodating.

The fact that there are more of Foley's Pens used in New-York than that of all other Gold Pens combined, is the best proof of their superior quality and finish.

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For many year we have been extensively engaged in stationery business with banks, merchants and insurance companies, keeping a large assortment of gold pens of various makers. Finding Foley's Pens superseding the sale of the others, we found it to our interest a few years ago to sell them exclusively, and now after a trial of several years, we find the result perfectly satisfactory to our customers, and with little or no trouble to ourselves.

We consider Foley's Bank Gold Pens the best and most reliable pens in the market, particularly for banking and insurance purposes. As we sell a large number of gold pens, we have given much attention to the same. We therefore freely recommend both Mr. Foley and his excellent gold pens to the trade throughout the country.

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JOHN TORREY, Assayer.

OFFICE OF ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, December, 1866.

I am well acquainted with the process of gold pen making, being one of the late firm of Spencer, Kendall & Dixon, gold pen manufacturers. I have used John Foley's gold pens, and consider them, without any exception, the best and most perfect gold pens now manufactured. HIRAM DIXON.

We fully concur with Mr. Dixon.

ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY.
JOHN HOEY, Superintendent.
ALEXANDER HOLLAND,
Treasurer American Express Company.

THE COMMERCIAL AGENCY,
McKILLOP, SPRAGUE & CO.,
NEW-YORK, Dec., 1866.

For the information of merchants and others throughout the country, who may have occasion to transact business with Mr. John Foley, Gold Pen Manufacturer, we would state that we have known him personally for nearly twenty years; during all this time he has been extensively engaged in the gold pen trade in this City. His pens are extremely popular in this market. By his industry and perseverance he has become most successful. He has the confidence and esteem of the leading merchants and bankers of New-York; his character for responsibility and honorable dealing is beyond question. McKILLOP, SPRAGUE & CO.

TO DEALERS IN GOLD PENS.

No. 169 BROADWAY, New-York.

I beg to call your particular attention to this Circular: *I am the inventor and sole manufacturer* of Foley's Celebrated *Bank* Gold Pens. Having commenced business in 1833, without capital, I have now, by perseverance and *fair* honorable dealing, come to be the leading and most extensive Gold Pen manufacturer, perfectly responsible, and enjoy the confidence and esteem of my customers.

My Gold Pens are not only the finest in quality of gold, (being 16.08 carat fine,) but the *best, most durable and substantial made*; and the fact that there are more of my Pens used in New-York than that of all the other Gold Pens combined, is the best proof of their superior quality and finish.

With ample means, the finest machinery, competent workmen and nearly twenty years' experience, you may rely upon every Pen and Pencil bearing my name, being as perfect as it is possible for such facilities and experience to produce.

☞ Your business is solicited with the assurance that the result will be to *your* interest as well as that of

Yours, truly, JOHN FOLEY.

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EUROPEAN NEWS.

Advices to Dec. 25 by Ocean Telegraph.

THE REFORM MOVEMENT IN LONDON.

The Moniteur's Statement in Regard to Mr. Seward's Dispatch Incorrect.

Napoleon's Reply to that Dispatch Received at Washington.

Remarkable Concessions by the French Emperor.

He will Co-operate in the Re-establishment of the Republic in Mexico.

ENGLAND.

The New-York Yachts.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

LIVERPOOL, Tuesday, Dec. 25.

Capt. JUDKINS, of the steamship *Scotia*, reports west winds durmg the passage to this port. He thinks the New-York yachts will make the run in about sixteen days

The Reform Movement.

LONDON, Monday, Dec. 24—Evening.

The Trades Union of this city have resolved almost unanimously to place their organization at the disposal of the Reformers in the coming political contests.

MEXICO.

Contradiction of the Moniteur's Statement Concerning Mr. Seward's Dispatch.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Dec. 25.

A cable dispatch published in New-York today quotes the *Moniteur's* statement that the French Government has never received the dispatch of Secretary SEWARD, dated the 22d of November, addressed to Minister BIGELOW, and published in the official correspondence recently sent by the President to Congress. I learn to-night from an authentic source that the *Moniteur's* statement is incorrect. A reply from NAPOLEON to Mr. SEWARD's dispatch, above referred to, was received by the Government on the 5th of December, which assured the Government of the good faith of the Emperor. In this dispatch NAPOLEON specified the time when the French army would be removed from Mexico, and expressed his satisfaction with the Sherman-Campbell mission, and proposed to coöperate in establishing the restoration of the Republican Government, but he thinks it will devolve upon the United States to maintain the Government thus created.

The Emperor also suggests that an election in Mexico be brought about by the joint influence of the United States and the French Governments.

MARINE NEWS.

Arrival Out.

LIVERPOOL, Monday, Dec. 24—Evening.

The Inman steamship *City of Paris*, Capt. KENNEDY, which left New-York, Dec. 15, arrived at Queenstown early this morning, *en route* to this port.

Arrival of the Steamship Damascus at Portland.

PORTLAND, Tuesday, Dec. 25.

The steamship *Damascus*, Capt. WATTS, from Liverpool Dec. 6, and Londonderry the 7th, arrived here at 7 o'clock this evening. She reports having passed on last Sunday a large four-masted steamer bound east, showing third distinguishing pennant No. 0983.

WASHINGTON.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Dec. 25.

DEATH OF SENATOR WILSON'S SON, OF THE UNITED STATES CAVALRY.

Intelligence was received here to-day of the death of Lieut. WILSON, of the Sixth United States Cavalry, and son of Senator WILSON, of Massachusetts. Lieut. WILSON died at Austin, Texas, yesterday morning.

THE OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS.

Christmas in Washington has been remarkably dull. The business houses were generally closed, and the streets were as quiet as they are usually upon Sunday. All the Governments Departments were closed, of course.

RECEPTION OF THE FRENCH MINISTER.

The Marquis DE MONTHOLON, the retiring French Minister, and the newly accredited Minister, M. BERTHEMY were Presented to the President by the Secretary of State at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The leave taking of the Marquis DE MONTHOLON and the answer of the President to him, were of the kindest character. Mr. BERTHEMY made the following speech to the President:

[Translation.]

"Mr. PRESIDENT—I have the honor to place in your hands, the letters which accredit me in the quality of Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of His Majesty, the Emperor of the French.

In confiding to me the mission to represent him, near you, my sovereign has specially charged me to make known to you, the value he attaches to the relations of friendship which exist between France and the United States of America; to maintain these relations, to draw them more close, if possible, in view of the developments of interests common to the two countries. Such will be the constant aim of my efforts, and I have firm hope to attain it, if, as I am in advance assured, the Government and people of the United States, share in the sentiments of which I bring to this place, sincere expressions."

The following is the President's reply to Mr. BERTHEMY:

"SIR—Grateful affection toward the French nation is among the earliest, the most profound and the most enduring sentiments of the people, and the Government of the United States. We constantly try to believe that no interest of either country requires alienation, or antagonism between them. While intimate commercial interests tend to bind them together, as you have justly observed, they have at the same time a common interest in the advancement of civilization and humanity throughout the world. In expressing these feelings I am only repeating what has been uniformly said by the United States since they became sovereign. We have had much reason to be pleased with the conduct of your predecessor, the Marquis DE MONTHOLON. Be assured M. BERTHEMY, that no consideration or courtesy will be withheld which shall tend to make the performance of your duties agreeable and pleasant."

The retiring French Minister and his successor, this evening, dined with the Secretary of State.

THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE PORTUGESE MINISTER.

An order has been issued that the civil officers of the Government in New-York pay respect to the memory of the late Portugese Minister by attending his funeral in New-York.

REPORTED EXECUTION OF ESCOBEDO.

Information has been received here from such a source as to induce the Government to believe the report of the execution of ESCOBEDO at the instance of CANALES.

THE PACIFIC COAST.

Mexican Reports—Quartz Mills Burned—The Late Storm.

SAN FRANCISCO, Tuesday, Dec. 25.

The steamer *Panama*, from Mazatlan, arrived last evening.

The Liberal troops were to leave that place on the 17th of December in pursuit of the French.

San Blas was held by the Imperialists.

The *Panama* left in port at Mazatlan the United States steamer *Suwanee*.

The quartz mill at Frogtown, Nevada, one of the finest in the State, was destroyed by fire on the 22d of December.

The damage to the Central Pacific Railroad by the recent storm is not so severe as was expected. Trains will be running regularly again in ten days. The snow is six feet deep at Cisco, the present terminus of the road.

Hotel Burnt—Loss of Four Lives—The Appointment of Attorney-General of Hawaii—Duties—Mining Stocks.

SAN FRANCISCO, Monday, Dec. 24.

The Central House, on First-street, caught fire this morning, and was destroyed. Three men were burned to death, and one killed by jumping from a window of the burning building.

The *Evening Bulletin* newspaper regards the appointment of STEPHEN H. PHILLIPS, an American citizen residing in Massachusetts, as Attorney-General of the Hawaiin Kingdom, as foreshadowing a decided change in the political policy of that kingdom, which has heretofore been averse, and offensive to American interests.

The demands for duties at this port for the past week were $107,500, and the total since January 1, $7,171,500.

The Sacramento River is now twenty-two feet above low water mark, and still rising.

The British ships *Dragon*, for Cork, and *Mary Ann*, for Liverpool, sailed to-day.

Mining stocks are quoted as follows: Savage, $1,975; Yellow Jacket, $1,305; Crown Point, $1,260; Chollar Potosi, $221; Belcher, $130; Ophir, $165. Legal Tenders, 74.

The Ship Shatemuc—Claim for Salvage—Death of a Merchant.

SAN FRANCISCO, Monday, Dec. 24.

It appears that the ship *Shatemuc*, which arrived here Dec. 22, was fallen in with some twenty miles outside of Farrallones, by the whaling bark *Harrison*, displaying a signal of distress. She was boarded by the Captain and eight men of the *Harrison*, who found all on board save the Captain and first mate down with scurvy, and the vessel driving at the mercy of the storm. The Captain of the ship *Harrison* immediately took charge of the *Shatemuc* and brought her safely into port. The owners, Captain and the crew of the *Harrison* have put in claim for salvage of $26,000, alleging that the *Shatemuc* would inevitably have been lost, with all on board, but for their assistance.

JOHN P. BAKER, an old resident, and a pioneer merchant of San Francisco, died of the heart disease in this city yesterday.

NASHVILLE.

The Congressional Excursion Party.

NASHVILLE, Monday, Dec. 24.

The Congressional Excursion Party reached this city from Chattanooga at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. They repaired to the St. Cloud Hotel, after which they visited the Capitol, and viewed Nashville and environs from the top of that building. They then examined the capitol building, and declared it to be the finest capitol in the United States. At 6 o'clock they sat down to a banquet of welcome, tendered by the municipal authorities. A few remarks were made by Messrs. FOSTER, WADE and RAMSEY, each declining to make an extended speech. Remarks were also made by Senator LANE and by Hon. Mr. LAFLIN, of New-York. Gen. MAURY and Ex-Gov. BROWN made short addresses. The latter entered into a discussion of the political question of reconstruction, to which Gen. HOWARD briefly replied. Gen. FRANK CHEATHAM, late of the rebel army, when called on, as President of the meeting, for a speech, refused, but offered as a toast, "Here's to the Union."

The excursionists leave to-night at 11 o'clock, *via* the Nashville and Decatur Railroad, for Memphis, where they will partake of a Christmas banquet.

ILLINOIS.

Fire in Havanna—Eighteen Stores Burnt.

CHICAGO, Tuesday, Dec. 25.

A destructive fire occurred yesterday at Havanna, Mason County, Ill., destroying an entire block of eighteen stores. The principal sufferers are LANGFORD & KREBAUM, dry-goods and clothing, and CLOVER & HOARINGHURST, drugs and family groceries. The loss is estimated at $100,000.

Death of Col. R. A. Wainwright, of the Army.

SAN FRANCISCO, Monday, Dec. 24.

Col. R. A. WAINWRIGHT, U. S. Ordnance Corps, died at Benicia Arsenal Dec. 22.

The Governor's Family.

The Albany *Journal*, of Monday, says:

Col. GEORGE S. HASTINGS, who, during nearly two years past has occupied the position of Private Secretary to Gov. FENTON, will be retained in that post during the next term. By his uniformly affable and gentlemanly demeanor, his unflagging industry and his familiarity with the details of business, Col. HASTINGS has secured the esteem of all who have had occasion to visit the Executive Chamber, and his continuance in office will give general satisfaction.

CAMPBELL H. YOUNG, Deputy Clerk of the Court of Appeals, was on Saturday appointed Judge-Advocate-General, and has accepted the position. Mr. YOUNG is entirely conversant with the duties of the office, and will fill it acceptably and well.

Mr. DAVID W. MERCHANT, for two years past employed upon the Executive clerical force, is made Military Secretary to the Governor, with the rank of Major—a promotion well merited as a reward for fidelity, and a deserved compliment to Mr. MERCHANT's abilities.

VIEWS OF THE PRESIDENT.

His Views on the Amendment—He Thinks it will Become Part of the Constitution.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Commercial.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Dec. 22, 1866.

Representative EGGLESTON, of Ohio, had a long interview with the President to-day. He spent more than an hour in conversation with him on general matters, reconstruction among the rest. After talking of the results of the late elections, Mr. EGGLESTON asked the President if he did not think it would have been better for him to have surrendered his views and opinions in favor of the popular verdicts in October and November, and not to have pressed his policy in his last message.

The President replied to this that he did not think he had shown a further opposition to the popular verdict than merely to express his opinions to Congress on what he thought would but conduce to the welfare of the country. He thought the Radical Party had made a great mistake in spending so much time as they did last session before announcing upon what terms they would agree to readmit the Southern States, and what great damage to the public welfare had been the result of this delay, and now that Congress had passed the Amendment, and it was about to become part of the Constitution, he could see no guarantee that the Southern States would be admitted, even after the ratification had been fully accomplished.

Mr. EGGLESTON replied to this that there was an implied guarantee in the speedy admission of Tennessee after the Legislature had ratified the Amendment, and that he thought the party with which he acted would be nearly a unit on the admission of others of the late rebel States, as soon as they had compiled with the conditions exacted from Tennessee.

The President said he hoped this would prove to be true, but he feared there would be strong opposition to such a policy from the extreme Radicals.

Mr. EGGLESTON said he felt little doubt on the subject. There might be some opposition from SUMNER and STEVENS, but it was a good characteristic of STEVENS that if he couldn't get what he wanted, he would take the best he could get.

"Yes," said the President, "that's true of STEVENS, and I always liked him for it. A practical man, but he seems to me to be working in the wrong direction." The President repeated the hope that the South would be admitted to representation on the adoption of the Amendment. It was useless now, he said, to discuss the propriety or impropriety of the conditions embraced in that measure. It had been agreed upon, and all he could now ask was the guarantee that reconstruction upon that basis should be faithfully kept by the party that had offered it. He expressed regret and surprise that so few members of Congress had called upon him since the opening of the session.

Mr. EGGLESTON replied that he did not think members of Congress should carry their antagonism so far as that. He believed in fighting out old political battles before the people, and thought that opposition to the views of the President ought not to deter members from conferring with the Executive or consulting on business matters.

The President concurred in this view exactly. He would like to have men of all political complexions call on him and tell him what they wanted. No harm could possibly come of such an interchange of views, and a great deal of good might come of it, and now that the quarrel had been settled, as most people thought, there was certainly no reason why Senators and Representatives should sedulously so avoid him.

The conversation was concluded by Mr. EGGLESTON inquiring what about the Mexican question. The President replied that it didn't look as favorably as he had hoped to have it, but still he thought all would be well.

VIRGINIA.

Gen. Schofield's Order Concerning United States Horses.

The following correspondence explains the reason for the new order relative to horses and mules "which belong to the United States" in the hands of private citizens, and apprises parties interested of the manner in which the order is to be executed:

HOUSE OF DELEGATES,
RICHMOND, 19th December, 1866.

Major-Gen. J. M. Schofield, U. S. A., Commanding at Richmond, Va.:

GENERAL: A rumor has reached my constituents that an order has recently been issued by you in relation to the taking possession of horses and mules marked "U. S.," now held by parties in your department. Of the nature and terms of the order I am not advised. I think it probable that some misapprehension exists in the minds of the people in regard to this order. Those in possession of such animals in Appomattox and Prince Edward Counties, (which counties I have the honor to represent in the House of Delegates,) in a large majority of cases, if not in nearly every case, acquired them either by purchase, or they were taken, being abandoned by the passing army, in 1865, as worthless, and have since, by care and attention, become of some value to such parties. If they are taken away now much inconvenience would result to those in possession of these animals.

If not inconsistent with your views of duty, will you have the kindness to inform me of the nature, purpose and terms of the order referred to, and in regard to your instructions to agents executing it? I can thus give such information to my constituents as may quiet any apprehensions existing in regard to it. I am, General, very respectfully yours,

F. N. WATKINS.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE POTOMAC,
RICHMOND, Dec. 19, 1866.

Hon. F. N. Watkins, Virginia House of Delegates, Richmond, Va.:

SIR: In reply to your letter of this date, I send you copies of the orders and instructions concerning United States property now in the hands of citizens. These will, I hope, give you and your constituents the information desired.

The main object of this proceeding is to settle the numerous and perplexing questions of title that are constantly arising, by making a final disposition of the whole matter.

Very respectfully yours,

J. M. SCHOFIELD, Major-Gen.

The first order issued (Dec. 8th) is as follows:

"All horses and mules which belong to the United States, and are in the hands of private citizens within the limits of this Department, whether lent to them by the military authorities after the close of the war, taken up as astray, or otherwise acquired, will be at once returned to the Government, through the nearest officer of the army or of the Freedmen's Bureau."

This order was followed (Dec. 15th) by a circular which sets forth that

"In cases where the immediate surrender of animals, as required by General Order, No. 11, current series, Headquarters, Department of the Potomac, would subject the parties holding them to serious inconvenience, the officer having authority to receive the animals may permit the parties now holding them to retain them until orders shall be given for their final disposition."

This circular was followed by the subjoined instructions:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE POTOMAC,
RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 18, 1866.

Instructions for disposing of the animals and other Government property which may be taken up under General Orders No. 11 from these headquarters:

The commander of each district, or an officer to be designated by such commander, the officer of the Freedmen's Bureau at the place where such property may be collected, and a civilian to be chosen by those officers, will constitute a Board for the disposal of all such property and the settlement of all claims of civilians which may arise under the order above referred to.

The Board will appraise and fix the value of each animal or other item of property, and the persons now holding will be permitted to purchase at such appraised value.

In cases where property has been received at a stated value, with promise to return the property when called for, or pay the value stated, that stated amount only will be required, although the animals may now be more valuable. And in no case will the value to be fixed, for sale to parties now rightfully holding the animals, be greater than was the said value at the time they were received from an officer of the army, or taken up as astray. When broken down animals were given to citizens, to replace those lost by the war, or to poor people, to enable them to gain a livelihood, only a nominal value will be fixed, and the animals sold at such nominal value to the persons now rightfully holding them, either by gift from an officer of the army, or by *bona fide* purchase from the person to whom they were given, in order that their title may be perfected.

Property not disposed of as above described will be reported to the Chief Quartermaster, and will, under his direction, be sold at public auction or used in the Government service.

For sale to others than the persons now holding them, animals will be appraised at their present value.

Each Board will make a full report of all its proceedings, and, after paying all necessary expenses, will turn over the proceeds of the sale of property to the Chief Quartermaster.

By order of Maj.-Gen. J. M. SCHOFIELD.
S. F. CHALFIN, Assistant Adjutant-General.

The Watson Case.

The circumstances under which Gen. SCHOFIELD recently convened a military commission at Richmond, to try Dr. JAMES WATSON for murder, were as follows:

On a recent Sunday the Doctor's family was driving to church, in Rockbridge County, Va., when their carriage was overtaken in a narrow part of the road by the carriage of Major JOHN R. ECHOLS, containing his family, and driven by a colored man named TOBE ECHOLS. TOBE attempted to drive by the Doctor's carriage, against the remonstrance of the Doctor's driver, and in the effort smashed one of the wheels of the Doctor's vehicle, the horses attached to which took fright, ran away, and completed the destruction of the carriage, but fortunately without injuring any of the occupants. When the Doctor came home, two or three days after, and heard of the occurrence, he rode over to Major ECHOLS' to chastise the negro. He found him in the field at work, told him for what purpose he had come, and struck him with a small stick, which the negro wrenched from his hand and started to run. The Doctor ordered him to halt, or he would shoot him, and the negro not obeying the order, the Doctor leveled his pistol and fired, the ball striking him in the back and coming out about the centre of the abdomen, inflicting a wound from which death resulted in a few hours. Dr. WATSON was tried by a jury of his peers and was discharged. Gen. SCHOFIELD heard of this, ordered the arrest of WATSON, and convened a military Court to try him. This Court President JOHNSON has just dissolved.

MISSISSIPPI.

Education of the Freedmen—Circular from Gen. Wood.

Brevet Maj.-Gen. THOMAS J. WOOD, Assistant Commissioner of Freedmen in Mississippi, has issued a circular, dated at Vicksburgh, Dec. 11, in which he states that, since the resignation of Rev. JOSEPH WARREN, D. D., he has performed the duty of Superintendent of the schools for the education of the freed people, conducted under the auspices of the Bureau. He states that he shall not approve applications for assistance in transporting freedmen as laborers unless the planters agree to afford facilities to them and their families for educational and moral instruction. He also advises the freedmen who have families to contract for the year only with planters who will agree in writing to afford them the means of maintaining schools for the education of their children, &c. Gen. WOOD says:

"The undersigned takes this occasion to thank the religious denominations, charitable societies and organizations, and benevolent persons in the Northern States, as also the agents and teachers sent out from the Northern States, for their noble and charitable efforts for the education of the colored people, and to request all of them to make renewed and greater efforts in this direction. The undersigned assures them of his cordial and hearty coöperation in this benevolent work, as well as the entire protection of his official position and such pecuniary aid as the means at his disposal will enable him to dispense, having a due regard to the equal rights and interests of all engaged in the good work. The harvest is great and the laborers are few.

The ground occupied by the missionaries, teachers and schools under the auspices of Northern Churches and charitable associations, is but a small portion—not the hundredth part of the great field of labor. The undersigned takes this opportunity to renew most earnestly his invitation and request to the religious denominations, without regard to sect or creed, charitable associations and philanthropic individuals in this State to unite with him and the Bureau under his control in the truly Christian and necessary work of educating the freed people.

The undersigned hereby expresses his thanks to the many planters who have assured him that they will establish, during the coming year, plantation schools for the education of the children of their colored laborers, and make arrangements to have religious instruction given to the whole; and he hereby renews his recommendation and request to all planters to pursue the same course."

TH. J. WOOD, Brevet Major-General, U. S. A., Assistant Commissioner, Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, State of Mississippi."

TENNESSEE.

The School Fund—Official Report of the Investigating Committee.

The Committee appointed by the Tennessee Legislature to inquire after the missing bonds belonging to the School Fund, returned to Nashville from Memphis on the 14th inst., and made the following report to the Governor on the succeeding morning:

NASHVILLE, Dec. 15, 1866.

Gov. W. G. Brownlow:

SIR: The Committee appointed by the Legislature to proceed to Memphis to investigate into the condition and security of the School Fund of the State, deposited by the Treasurer in the Tennessee National Bank at Memphis, respectfully present: That in the discharge of the duties intrusted to them, they at once proceeded to Memphis and presented the Treasurer's drafts on the Tennessee National Bank for the amount deposited, and were met by the President of the bank in a spirit of manly candor, exhibiting an earnestness to furnish the Committee with the condition of the bank and the evidence of its ability and purpose to meet at once the demands of the Committee. The Committee scrutinized the condition of the bank, and was impressed with its solvency. The final agreement between the Committee and the bank resulted in the prompt payment by the bank of the sum of $346,052 60, and twenty-three bonds of the State for $1,000 each, and satisfactorily arranged for the payment of the balance.

W. BOSSON,
W. SPENCE,
W. Y. ELLIOTT,
JOHN NORMAN.

Judge Busteed's Decision in Relation to Confederate Money.

The Montgomery (Ala.) *Mail* states that the facts of the case brought before Judge BUSTEED, in relation to Confederate issues as a consideration for contracts made during the war, and his decision may be stated as follows:

The defendants, on a certain day during the war, received from the plaintiff a certain amount of Confederate Treasury notes, and in consideration thereof executed to the plaintiff a written instrument, in substance as follows:

"Received of (the plaintiff) a specified number of dollars for a specified number of pounds of ginned cotton, this day sold by me to the plaintiff; and I agree to keep said cotton for the plaintiff, and to deliver it to him when called for, he running all risks, except only that I am to be liable for any loss resulting from my own negligence or malfeasance."

There was never at any time any actual delivery of the cotton, by the defendant to the plaintiff.

The plaintiff contended that, although there was no actual delivery, yet there was a sufficient constructive delivery of the cotton to entitle the plaintiff to treat the contract as an extended contract.

The Court decided in the case before it—

1. That the consideration for the contract was illegal. In other words, that Confederate treasury notes were an illegal consideration for a contract made during the war.

2. That whenever a party to such contract was forced to call on a United States Court to give him any aid in carrying out such contract or recovering its fruits, the Court could not give such aid

3. That the plaintiff in this case was calling for such aid when he invoked the doctrine of constructive delivery; for a constructive delivery is a delivery made out by the mere judgment of the law, upon the special facts, in the absence of an actual delivery.

That in the absence of an actual delivery, the Court could not, by its mere judgment, make out a delivery from the terms or accompaniments of the contract which was before it.

It will be observed that the Court decided nothing as to a contract which has been completely executed in all respects by the parties, although the consideration for such contract was Confederate Treasury notes. A contract is completely executed when all the terms of it have been complied with by all the parties to it, and the purchase money has been paid, and there has been actual delivery under and in accordance with the contract.

Reception of Gen. Asboth, United States Minister to the Argentine Republic.

The Vice-President of the Argentine Republic received, on Saturday noon, Oct. 20, in public audience, the newly-accredited Minister of the United States, Gen. A. ASBOTH. He was accompanied by Capt. P. S. CROSBIE and Capt. C. H. WELLS, United States Navy, with several other officers; also Mr. HELPER, United States Consul, and Mr. THOS. LIVINGSTONE, Secretary.

Assistant Secretary of Foreign Affairs and the President's Aid-de-Camp were in charge of the party. A guard of honor, with a military band of music, received them, and the surrounding galleries of the hall of audience in the National Government-house were densely crowded by citizens.

Gen. ASBOTH, upon delivering his letter of credence, spoke as follows:

"Mr. PRESIDENT:

I have the honor to present my credentials as Minister Resident of the United States of America, and in doing so I beg leave to state to Your Excellency that it shall be, not only my duty, but my highest pleasure, to uphold and foster, both officially and personally, the friendly relations which have hitherto so long and so happily subsisted between the two sister Republics.

Permit me also to express the confident hope of the Government I have the honor to represent, and my own heartfelt desire, that the wise administration of Your Excellency may secure and promote the blessings of peace and prosperity among all the people of the Argentine Confederation for many, very many, years to come."

The President replied as follows:

"Mr. MINISTER:

With the utmost pleasure I receive the dispatches accrediting you near the Argentine Government as Resident Minister for the United States of America.

Before your arrival you had already a fine and clear road open to you for the easy and agreeable fulfillment of your mission, for it is well known how much sympathy and respect the Argentine nation feels toward the Great Republic of the North, which has served as the model for our political institutions; and it is our noble ambition to reach one day the point of liberty and progress from which your country at present looks down on an astonished universe.

Be assured, Mr. Minister, that the Argentine nation accepts with pride the title of 'sister-Republic' with which you have saluted us, and this title moreover expresses the mutual esteem that binds our countries together and tends to strengthen the ties of amity and commerce, which have always happily been loyal and sincere.

May Heaven guard these friendly relations for successive ages, and favor our country, as you desire, with the same blessings of peace and liberty that it has so prodigally bestowed on the United States. As regards yourself, personally, Mr. Minister, you come among us preceded by a high and honorable reputation, and I trust that you will be a worthy successor of Mr. KIRK, whose noble character has left profound sympathies among us."

A very friendly conversation followed between the General and Vice-President, in which several of the Ministers present joined, who were severally introduced to the General. The whole affair passed off very pleasantly, and can be taken as a guarantee that the friendly relations that have happily existed so long, will continue to do so undisturbed.

OBITUARY.

Death of Prof. Henry Vethake, of Philadelphia.

HENRY VETHAKE, for many years Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, died at his residence in Philadelphia on Sunday, Dec. 16, aged 75 years. He filled, during the closing years of his life, the post of Professor in the Polytechnic College. He was a native of Europe, and was educated in that country. On his arrival in this country, he became Professor of Mathematics, first in Princeton College, and next in Dickenson College, from which he passed to the corresponding professorship in the Pennsylvania University. He was the author of an interesting work on *The Principles of Political Economy*, published in 1838, and edited the supplementary volume of the *Encyclopedia Americana*, published in 1847. He was noted as a chess-player, and the editor of the Philadelphia *Bulletin* thus refers to him:

"Twenty years ago, when we were first familiar with Mr. VETHAKE's play, he stood in the very front of that numerous band of strong players of which Philadelphia at that time could boast; and

TREASURY REPORT—SOME OF ITS ERRORS.

The Secretary Underrates the Industry of the Country—Increase of Building—Prosperity of the West and South—Crops—Ships—Tariff.

THE BRECHES, Friday, Dec. 14, 1866.

I am not defending either high taxes or depreciated currency (although both may be necessary) when I say that the Secretary of the Treasury is materially mistaken in the facts which bear on this question. There ought to be at Washington a department of statistics—not as an adjunct of the Treasury Department or of any one, but as a scientific institution, ascertaining all the facts of the country and their relations to one another, and furnishing other departments of the Government information. In time this will be done, but it can only be done by men who have not merely a power of accumulating figures, but who can understand the philosophy of science and take a comprehensive view of the country. The following paragraph will illustrate both the views and errors of the Secretary:

"The same causes—a redundant currency and high taxes—that prevent ship-building, tend to prevent the building of houses and even of manufactories. So high are prices of every description that men hesitate to build dwellings as fast as they are required, and thus rents are so advanced as to be oppressive to lessees, and the healthy growth of towns and cities is retarded. So it is in regard to manufactories. Mills which were built before the war can be run profitably, but so expensive are labor and materials that new mills cannot be erected and put into operation with any prospect of fair returns upon the investment, unless upon the expectation that taxes will remain as they are, and prices be sustained, if they are not advanced. The same causes are injuriously affecting agriculture and other interests, which it is not necessary to particularize. It is everywhere observed that existing high prices are not only oppressing the masses of the people, but are seriously checking the development, growth and prosperity of the country."

Now, I suppose that no man who was familiar with this country would suppose that in 1866, we were not a prosperous people? or that the "masses of the people were oppressed?" On the contrary, he would be compelled to believe that the country was seldom or ever more prosperous, the people never less oppressed or more productive. The truth is, the Secretary draws on his imagination for his facts. But I shall not rest the case with an assertion—I shall give some practical evidences which no man can mistake.

1. The Secretary says that buildings, factories, mills, &c., are retarded and prevented by currency, taxes, &c. Now, we do not know how many more might have been built under a different state of things, but we do know what has been done, and I unhesitatingly say that this country never put up so many buildings in one year as in the year 1865-'66. I can give many facts. The State of Ohio contains nearly three millions of people, and in the year 1865-'66 the number of new structures built was five thousand greater than in the previous year, and more than were put up in any one year. Here is one striking fact. Chicago claims to have built several thousand buildings—of course this must be taken with allowance for Chicago—and Louisville, Kentucky, claims to have erected buildings by the acre. Now go South. Richmond is rebuilt; Atlanta is fast rebuilding; Memphis is growing with unprecedented rapidity, and New-Orleans regaining her place as the great City of the Gulf. Here I want Mr. McCULLOCH to make a note on "rehabilitation." The South is rehabilitating itself in the only way possible to this generation. What nonsense it is to talk of rehabilitating the South by sending a few members to Congress! Honest industry and honest repentance are the only means of grace left to the rebels. Let us proceed. All through the far West buildings are going up, mines opening and factories erecting; and, more than this, the school-house and the church are going up by their side. From the Alleghanies to the Pacific is one great school of industry. Immigration is increasing, population swelling, and the people have very few of those political pests which afflict the South and the East. The bitterest of Copperheads they have, but they have no ALEXANDER STEPHENS, or ANDREW JOHNSON, or WENDELL PHILLIPS, or CHARLES SUMNER, or any of that vagarious class. The West loves common sense, and when a man fails in it, he is sent to the great hospital of invalids at Washington, or left to write for the newspapers. In truth, the Secretary is widely mistaken. The currency and taxes have not repressed industry or enterprise, or oppressed the masses of the people. The coming year 1867, if the country be not afflicted with a pestilence, will be one of extraordinary activity and development.

2. "The same causes are injuriously affecting agriculture," &c. This is just about as true as the other statement. The farmer does not pay the internal revenue at all. The Secretary may go along a country road and take the first ten farmers he comes to, and not more than one in ten pays the National Treasury a cent of tax. I pay an income tax; but the farmer across the road don't pay a copper. Does he pay it on corn or pork? Not a bit of it. The tax is paid by the distiller and the manufacturer, who charge it to the consumer. Is the farmer affected by the currency? Not a bit. His products are raised by labor, and labor is not so high as his products are. Besides, the difference between gold and paper is a fixed quantity, and he can have gold or paper as he pleases. There is no class of people in this country so well off as the farmers are; and precisely because of that Mr. McCULLOCH will make no headway with his schemes. But it is true that Providence has interfered with some of the crops this year. The four great States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky had in 1866 full half the wheat crop. This is a very material fact, for it is the loss of the surplus which we might have exported. On the other hand, the corn crop is immense, and the West will be in no way troubled to keep and fatten its animals, from which a very large portion of the money profits of the West are derived. The Secretary's remarks on ship-building are not as erroneous as the others; but they do not state the whole truth. The original cause of diminishing our tonnage and increasing the foreign was the war, which exposed our ships to privateers. A year and a half is not enough to recover from that. The Secretary, however, fails to give the main fact, on which an accurate judgment can be formed—that is, the amount of ships built in this country in 1865-'66 as compared with former years. We shall get that a year hence, when it pleases the Printing Department of the Government to issue the public documents. In the meantime I venture to say, (at a guess,) that there was more tonnage built in this country the last year than there was the year previous. What, then, is the Secretary complaining of? If it be true that ships can be built in Canada cheaper than in Maine, it is not on account of the currency at all; for, if the Maine man converted his currency into gold, a dollar will be the same in Canada as Maine. The gold dollar of the Canadian can be sold for the sum paid by the Maine man. The currency has nothing to do with it. What has? Under all foreign Governments, Canada included, labor is cheaper. Then we have the taxes on ship materials, whatever they are. Now, all this can be remedied, just as in other manufactures, by putting a discriminating tariff on foreign ships and foreign materials—and this ought to be done, if it is needed. We are not legislating in this country for foreign commerce. It does not amount to a tenth of our internal commerce, and the number of people interested in it are not more than one in a thousand. The country has got intelligent enough to understand this. The importers and foreign agents in our great cities will have the same equal rights and just treatment as any other class of people; but they must not suppose that a great nation is to turn its legislation on their ideas and interest. The currency is made for the convenience of the people. The tariff is arranged to suit the interests of the greatest number.

I do not know precisely what the Secretary means by equalizing the taxes and tariff, but, whatever he means, there is but one practical thing to do; this is to raise the tariff as much as the manufactures are taxed, especially on iron, woolens and cottons. We do not want to take the tax from the raw material, but to raise the tariff on the manufactured articles. We have imported four hundred millions of dollars in foreign merchandise this year. To pay for it, the Secretary says, we have exported gold and United States bonds. We ought to export neither. The resumption of specie payments will take place the moment we can keep our own gold in our own country. The Secretary of the Treasury puts the cart before the horse, and I am afraid will continue to do so till he gets his professorship in the university, where he may retire with the laurels of literature green upon his brow. In the meantime I rejoice to believe that the prosperity of my country does not depend upon the perversity of politicians or the vagaries of philosophy. God has given it greater and nobler blessings than those which human genius can invent or human depravity destroy.

A VETERAN OBSERVER.

VIRGINIA.

Change of Feeling Respecting the Constitutional Amendment—How a Delegate Regards the Question—The Legislative Recess—Real Ignorance of the People Respecting the Amendment—The Opposition of the Press.

From Our Own Correspondent.

RICHMOND, Monday, Dec. 24, 1866.

The time is so rapidly approaching when Congress must deal definitely with the State now unrepresented, that it becomes important that all possible light shall be thrown upon the present state of feeling in those States. In what I shall now say about Virginia I am narrating what I am certain is truth.

Until a day very recent there was no Virginian of influence who would argue at all about the Constitutional Amendment in any of its aspects; and that the reverse of this statement is now true; that the Amendment is now being very vigorously discussed in private, and its intrinsic hideousness to Southern eyes very bitterly and frequently declared in public, show the great change that has of late come upon the people. The whole truth is, that the Amendment is beginning to be viewed as a possible means of giving the State political status and stability, and thereby beginning to build anew industrial prosperity. There is now a daily increasing conviction that it is absolutely necessary that something should be done to put an end to the uncertainty which has for so long a time kept business in a prostrated condition; it is beginning to be admitted that anything is preferable to the present condition of affairs. A gentleman of this city, who is in every sense a representative man, thoroughly identified with this people, said to me yesterday, that the pauperism of the whole community being certain to result from a continuance of the present status; anything was preferable to it. "We must live, Sir; men, women and children must eat, and they cannot be fed without remunerative industry, a thing we cannot have until our political status is fixed. Not a dollar will seek investment here now, and we have none; without money there can be no business carried on; in short, this state of uncertainty must have a speedy end or ruin awaits us—the Constitutional Amendment, a territorial condition—*anything* to end the state of suspense so that people can know upon what to depend and can make calculations accordingly." I have given the idea of this gentleman rather than attempted to quote him literally, but I have done enough to show that business men of Virginia are beginning to realize the irksomeness of the present condition of affairs and to wish for a speedy change.

All that stands in the way of an immediate ratification of the Constitutional Amendment by the present Legislature of Virginia is a matter of feeling. I can best show this by giving a very recent conversation with a prominent member of the House of Delegates. Discussing the Amendment *con amore*, the delegate remarked: "For the sake of peace, of political certainty, I am perfectly willing to make the surrender of political power called for by the Amendment in the reduction of our representation. If that were all there was in it, I would vote to ratify it to-morrow. I will go further, and say that if I could confine the disqualifying clause to myself, I would vote for that also. I would gladly debar myself from holding office, or of voting, to put an end to the present state of affairs. But how can I vote that you shall not hold office, nor Gen. LEE, nor any of all the great host who stood with us and fought with us. Why, Sir, I can't do it. I could not look my fellow-men in the face after doing such a thing; and, while I do not doubt that almost every man who supported the Confederacy would individually give bonds to the United States not to hold an office if it would bring peace, to ask any Southern Legislature to say that they shall not hold office, simply because they have been in the service of the Confederacy, is, in my opinion, asking too much of human nature. The Northern States, as the conquering power, might put these conditions upon us and we might have no cause of complaint, but to ask us to impose them upon ourselves is absurd. Now, they say we may do worse by not accepting the Amendment; that THAD. STEVENS will push his Enabling Act to a final passage, and we will thereby become simply vassals of the National Government; and to all that I simply reply it will be the act of the Federal Government—not mine. I will bear the chain, it is true, but they the shame, it shame there be; but, on the other hand, if we settle the political future by ratifying the Amendment, the shame is all ours."

This, in brief, is the chief argument made against the Amendment, and it is only recently it has even this deference paid it. But, on the other hand, there has been a great deal of quiet insistance on the advantages that would result from the Legislature acting affirmatively on the question; and the reply is made to the matter of feeling that the General Assembly would be only accepting the terms of the conqueror, and the South, being entirely powerless to avoid any terms whatever that the dominant party of the North may see proper to inflict, no possible dishonor can attach to the Southern people in at once accepting the best that can be had. At this point the conviction is now always expressed that the Amendment is the best that can be obtained; that prompt action is necessary to secure even this; that if not soon accepted other and harsher terms will be imposed, and the climax is reached by asserting that the extremists among the Radicals do not wish the Amendment ratified, and that the Southern States can do these extremists no greater harm than by promptly ratifying the Amendment.

I have endeavored to show the state of public feeling by briefly noting the chief points made by the opponents and advocates of the Amendment, but the task would not be entirely fulfilled without stating the tenets held in common by both, and these are that anything is preferable to the present state of affairs; that, divested of the question of feeling, there is no insuperable objection to the Amendment, and that, practically, it would operate to the advantage of the Commonwealth, as it would turn over the conduct of public affairs to the young men, thus ridding the State of the scheming politicians of the last generation.

The members of the Legislature have dispersed to their homes for the Christmas holidays, and have taken these leading notes and many collaterals with them, to be turned over and considered in their own minds, and discussed with their constituents; and while I do not say that on their return they will proceed to ratify the Amendment, I do affirm what I know to be the fact, that they are seriously considering the proposition in all its lights, and that is something they had no intention of doing when they assembled here at the beginning of the month. If it be true that "a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump," the Virginia Legislature ought to be very thoroughly leavened shortly after the reassembling. From the gross ignorance of the nature of the Amendment pervading the people, I am afraid the consultations with the constituents will not be very productive; and as another phase of the question it may not be amiss to give an instance of this ignorance. A gentleman extensively engaged in business here, and, moreover, a man of education and fair intelligence, asked me to-day if the Amendment did not enact negro suffrage for the Southern States, and when I told him that, on the contrary, it left the suffrage to be regulated entirely by the States, he seemed much astonished, saying that he had always understood differently, and that his acquaintances generally had entertained the same view as himself. When I further procured a copy of the Amendment, and he had read it and thoroughly comprehended its purport, he expressed the opinion that if every man in the State could be thoroughly informed of the nature of the proposition, the people would compel their representatives to its ratification. I give this incident for precisely what it is worth: to me it was surprising, and as such I have given it.

I may add that the leaven at work in the Legislature has as yet met no encouragement from the Press of the State, which continues as vehemently opposed to the Amendment as ever. On the surface, the sentiment of the State appears as overwhelmingly upon one side as ever, but the contrary current underneath has begun to beat up against it. It has been a hopeful task to watch its efforts thus far, and here are such indications that bid us hope to the end.

H. C.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Necessity of Educating the Blacks.

RIVERSIDE PLANTATION,
BEAUFORT, S. C., Wednesday, Nov. 28, 1866.

I have observed that the New-York Freedmen's Association are shortened for funds insomuch that they have been obliged to contract their operations somewhat, and to refuse teachers unless such as were specially provided for by parties who bound themselves to sustain them in the field. The cause—a serious falling off in the contributions of the public to their treasury. This surprises me, for if there is any one way in which the black man can be benfitted, and without which he cannot be benefitted, it is in the matter of their education. Not only so, but education is the only thing that can make him of any benefit to the common weal, whether in an economical or moral point of view. It needs no argument to the candid man to prove that intelligent labor is of more profit than ignorant labor, or that a developed moral nature is useful and safe in proportion to development. Besides, any one with half an eye can see how rapidly things are tending to the investing the negro with civil rights, including that of the ballot; and most certainly nothing can be more dangerous to the body politic than the giving these ignorant masses the power of the vote without the intelligence requisite to the proper use of so tremendous a power. You have but to look at the perfect immunity with which a few demagogues who control the vote of the "great unwashed" in the City of New-York, plunder its citizens and dispense its official patronage, to comprehend the condition in which the whole State of South Carolina would speedily be, should civil rights accrue to the freedmen and education fail. And not only so, but the great majority of the white population are just as ignorant, if not as degraded, as the blacks, and these same whites are going to be swayed by the intelligent few, and their vote controlled, just as it always has been, unless education enlightens and renders the judgment independent, and melts away prejudices. If the vote is popularized, as it most certainly will be, we shall see either an intelligent Democracy, like the rural population of the Northern States, or an aristocracy of rascality, founded on machine voting, like that which rules the City of New-York. There is no alternative. There are some who pretend that the ex-slave will not trust his former master, and hence will not be controlled in his vote by him—all of which is worse than nonsense—it is folly. He has a human nature, and will, like white men, always go in favor of that man or that action by which his bread and butter comes to him the easier. If you don't believe it, come down here and live among them on a plantation with me three or four years, and you will find how true was the remark one of them made to me once: "hungry be my masse, and close be my missus." So if a score or more white men controlled the destiny of the State in former times, by controlling the vote of the ignorant masses of whites, they will do the same thing again when the ballot is extended to simply an increased mass of ignorance. No argument is needed to show how brutish a mere laborer is without any mental development or moral enlightenment. Hence the extreme importance of education for all classes and colors South, whether you look at it from a political or benevolent stand-point. Therefore, I say, that there is no cause which should be more at the heart of every true patriot, every true Christian, every true philanthropist. It is going to be a long work, and it will test the patience and charity of the benevolent for many years, for the development needed will not take place either in a day or a year. The Association can be trusted, but if people prefer not to trust, they can select teachers of their own, become responsible for their support, let them report to their patrons, send them to the field through the Association. And for Heaven's sake don't send some poor sentimental thing with novels and "love for the poor negro" on the brain, but take a person of settled character, plain common sense, with a background of honest humility, and with sufficient self-sacrifice to teach, if need be, contrary to her or his own notions or preferences. Beware always of "literary characters," for they are sure to possess so much knowledge that it is impossible to teach them anything, and a teacher here has many things to learn, as well as to unlearn. And I will finish this subject by saying, if the good people North know what they are about, they will with a free purse send teachers South, as fast as the associations can locate them; but select with the greatest care, for good teachers are very rare. I do not wish to imply that in any general sense teachers are vicious. Such stories are to some extent circulated North, but they are bare falsehoods.

H.

UTAH.

The Murder of Dr. Robinson—Dull Times—The Liquor Question.

From Our Own Correspondent.

GREAT SALT LAKE CITY,
Thursday, Nov. 29, 1866.

The excitement connected with the murder of Dr. ROBINSON has entirely subsided, and the city is once again as quiet as a country village. No clue to the perpetrators has yet been obtained—nothing made manifest further than what was made known at the inquest. In all probability this affair will remain secret until doomsday, when all secrets will be proclaimed and final judgments given.

Among the merchants and storekeepers generally of this city there is much complaint of dull times. Some say they never knew things so dull. Money is scarce, so everybody says. Fortunes are not made so quickly as they were two years ago, when the Montana gold mines were attracting so much attention, and when there were, comparatively, very few merchants in this city or Territory. The cry of dull times, therefore, in this city must not be taken as indicative of nothing being done, but of some houses not doing as much business as they once did. There are now a hundred houses doing business in this city, in place of the ten of two or three years ago. There is a large business done in this city now, but when divided among a large number of candidates, there cannot be the lion's share to each of them.

The business of building new stores of all sorts and fashions and sizes has been more than ordinarily busy the past season, and even now continues, in spite of the advancing Winter. Some of the structures are of stone, and creditable to much older and more thickly populated cities, and some are partly of brick. The slighter buildings, of which there are a large proportion, are of lath and plaster, or frame and adobe, somewhat after the fashion of the ancient frame and brick structures of old England, though, of course, in every way slighter, and less prodigal of timber. A few buildings are of concrete, or frame and concrete. Most of the buildings, except the rock ones, are plastered.

Among the buildings in course of erection is the new Tabernacle for Mormon worship, two-thirds of the immense roof of which is finished. I said immense roof, for the building appears all roof, being of very peculiar construction, and something like the bottom of an immense old-fashioned "tub" ship, turned upside down, and most of the vessel above the water line sunk in the ground. For architectural appearance it is a "whale's back," towering up above any other building in the city. It may be, when finished, of great convenience and capicity for large assemblies, but it will always be an eyesore.

The liquor question in this city exhibits just now a popular phase. There was a long and strenuous attempt by the authorities to have the whole business in the hands of the Corporation, and stringent ordinances were passed in that view. Eventually every place of the kind in the city was closed except the City Liquor Store; billiard-rooms all closed also. But this did not work satisfactorily, and a number of citizens petitioned the City Council to close even the only liquor-store left, which was done accordingly. For a few weeks thenceforth Salt Lake City was an exceedingly dry place, even to moderate drinkers, to say nothing of the sufferings of the more thirsty souls, for not a glass of "glycerine" of any kind could be bought or given away legally. How the regular old topers endured the privation I am unable to say, but if they did endure it some of them undoubtedly could give graphic pictures of their experience, for this is an uncommonly arid region, and habitual thirst is hard to endure, even in the humid parts of the country.

However, all these afflictions are past and gone. The city authorities have cogitated over the matter and have come to what is, perhaps, the most prudent conclusion they could. They have begun to issue licences for liquor establishments, in limited number and at a high figure, and billiard rooms the same. The fountains of Bacchus are once more set legally flowing, and much rejoicing there must be and is in consequence. Licenses now replenish the City treasury, in the place of fines.

Some of the freight trains of the merchants of this city, with goods from the Missouri River, have not yet arrived at their destination. This uncommon lateness is due to several contingencies—a more than usually wet Summer, Indian depredations and late rains, a mild and continued "soft" weather. Some of the wagons are within a score or two of miles of the city, and have been for two or three weeks within a hundred miles, but unable to make more than a snail's progress, the wheels going up to their hubs in the mire. The roads are popularly declared to be worse than ever before.

NEW-HAVEN.

Yale College and its Affairs—Miscellaneous.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

NEW-HAVEN, Thursday, Dec. 20, 1866.

We are now enjoying here clear, crisp Winter weather, with just enough snow to make sleigh rides a matter of anticipation and not of actual enjoyment. This evening is the coldest we have yet experienced, the thermometer standing at zero. Yesterday the Winter vacation of Yale College commenced, and continues until Jan. 2, 1867. The absence of the students would make the staid City of Elms unusually dull but for the counteracting effect of the holidays. The junior appointments for the junior exhibition which takes place next April were announced by the Faculty yesterday. The appointments indicate that the exhibition will be of the usual merit. Events of note in college history during the term just closed have been very meagre. The thanksgiving jubilee was omitted for the first time since the establishment of the custom, and the prospect is that it will be like the pow-wow and the burial of Euclid, become extinct through the discouraging efforts of the Faculty in relation to them. The jubilee last year was celebrated with plays, whose language equaled the "Black Crook" in unchaste hints. This led the Faculty to impose conditions on the performance this year, which had the effect of discouraging the Committee to such an extent that the thing was given up. The main conditions were that there should be an original Greek play, and that there should be no female characters represented in any of the plays. This last was too much, and so disappointed Sophmores and Freshmen spent a dreary night of it.

College officers are now greatly interested in the erection of a new College Chapel, to serve as a memorial building for those heroes of the College who sacrificed their lives in the late war for the defence of the nation. The plans for the building have already been decided upon. They were designed by VAUX & WITHERS, architects, in New-York, one of the four firms that submitted plans from which the selection was finally made. The style of the architecture is Gothic. The Church, it is thought, will be situated on College-street, half-way between Elm and Chapel streets, so that when the new dormitories, now in contemplation, are erected they will form three sides of the quadrangle, with the Chapel in the centre of the fourth side. The Church will have a double transept, one in front which will be the larger of the two, and will constitute the Memorial Chapel. Through the centre of this transept will be erected a stone tower with buttressed angles crowned with Gothic pinnacles, and the whole surmounted by a spire of stone. Between the two transepts will be the nave, which will rise to a vaulted story supported by pillars. On either side will be two ambulatories, the walls of which may contain memorial tablets. The nave terminates in a small transept with galleries across either end. In the rear end of the Church will be a shallow recess, on one side of which there will be an organ and on the other a door to the pastor's study. In the small transept the officers of the College will sit, while the students will occupy the nave. With the building constructed in this manner those who enter the Church pass through the Memorial Hall before arriving at the chapel. It is estimated that the chapel will cost $150,000. Of this amount $40,000 have already been secured, $30,000 of which was the gift of Mr. JOSEPH BARTELL. It is expected that those interested in this memorial building, friends of Yale, will soon furnish the remaining sum required.

The pulpits of the late DR. DUTTON, of North Church, and of DR. CLEVELAND, of the Third Church, have recently been filled. Rev. E. L. CLARK, of Boston, has accepted the pastorate of the former, and Rev. Mr. GREGORY, of Troy, N. Y., that of the latter. Both gentlemen are men of ability.

Last evening a fire occurred here which came near proving of the most disastrous character to the New-York and New-Haven Railroad Company. Their car-house took fire from an engine and was consumed, destroying two engines. Adjoining was a round house, in which at the time were ten engines. Through the desperate exertions of the firemen the building was protected and the road saved the loss of nearly all its engines and its extensive repair shop here. The loss sustained will reach about $30,000, on which there was a good insurance. The scene presented at the fire was one of the grandest ever beheld in the city. Not less than five thousand people were watching the conflagration from the tops of cars, houses and lumber in the vicinity, while the excitement and uproar in the round house, caused by the men trying to remove the ponderous engines, seemed like a Pandemonium.

J. S. P.

CO-OPERATION.

Progress of the Idea in Troy—The Co-operative Grocery Store—The Free Reading-room—Co-operative Foundry—Cost of Living.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANY, Tuesday, Dec. 11, 1866.

Many have been the theories constructed by reformers for increasing the welfare of mankind, either by diminishing the amount of their labor or by augmenting the remuneration which they will receive. Just now, the most popular idea among those who are most deeply affected is to decrease the hours of work to eight, whereby, they claim, with greater ease they can obtain an equal amount of compensation. Yet there is by no means that unanimity among the mechanics and workingmen of the land which is necessary to impress the idea fully upon the public generally, and many of the most intelligent are turning their attention to those methods by which alone they can be relieved from strikes—that most fatal drawback to their condition, and a remedy to be dreaded almost equally with the disease. This, they think, has been obtained in coöperative labor. Each man then becomes an employer as well as an employe, and has an interest in the success of the undertaking which can be felt by no stranger. There is no question of wages, for that is determined by the amount of gain, and an increased scale is to be paid only by diminishing profits. Trades Unions cannot dominate over him, for he is an employer; and it has never been claimed that their power, which is delegated, extends over that class. If, with the theory, the practice is found to work well, a relief has indeed been found from many of the evils of the laboring classes. They are no longer merely working men, selling their time to middlemen, but are also the middlemen, reaping the profits which would otherwise be divided among both. In France, it is said, such associations are common, and in England the societies at Rochdale have had an eminent success. In the United States, so far as known, their numbers are few, and the project cannot be said to have been seriously undertaken. Troy is the first and foremost city in the Union for her attention to trades' matters, and her workmen will compare favorably with those of any other place.

Five or six years ago there were but two or three trade societies in Troy—the moulders and printers being the chief. No pressing need was felt for any, for long custom had dictated the prices of labor and the measures and habits of each trade. As the war went on, however, and workmen became scarce, and the increased cost of living imperatively demanded an increased amount of wages, they became more numerous, until at the present time there are twenty-five or six, some three or four being those of women. Some of these have but a nominal strength, and their influence amounts to nothing, but there are fifteen or sixteen well-organized Trades Unions besides. As no one society was felt to be independent of the other, they combined under the name of the Trades' Assembly of Troy, and a delegated body from each handicraft acted as the Parliament of the Workingmen. With their operations as the workingmen of Troy we have nothing to do; our present relations with them are as a body of joint workmen and capitalists, managing their own affairs, and toiling for their own advantage. They have established three enterprises of great value, of which the first was a co-operative store, the second a free reading-room, and the third a foundry. Each of them has had a measure of success, and they are all now conducted with enterprise and vigor.

THE CO-OPERATIVE GROCERY-STORE.

The principle of this may be said in brief to be selling at retail at wholesale prices. Although this result has not been completely reached, a considerable degree has, and the advocates claim that when its merits become better known the sales and the profits will become greater. Its history dates from the 10th of December, 1864, when it was set in operation by the Trades Assembly. The measure had been debated there for several meetings, and finally several public-spirited individuals set the wheels in motion. The location of the store was in a large, handsome building, in the centre of the burnt district, and it immediately had a good run of trade. All the housewives in the town speedily learned that excellent goods were to be obtained at a low price, with the prospect of a dividend every few months, and its floors were thronged with customers. Mr. WILLIAM CONNERY was chosen by the stockholders as manager, and he continued in that position nearly to the present time, when he resigned to go into business for himself. The charter was procured in April, 1865, after it had been in operation for a few months, and is obtained under a general law. The constitution of the society is such that the stock can only be held to a certain extent by any one individual, ten shares being the most, and each share being held at the value of $5. The number can be indefinite, and is only limited by the number of those who desire to belong to it. Some four hundred shares were subscribed for at the commencement. With the sum thus obtained they furnished their store, buying on thirty days' credit, mostly, and selling for cash. When any goods were disposed of to a stockholder the amount was entered by the clerk on a little pass-book, and every six months the total amount of goods bought was figured up, and a percentage declared to the buyer proportionate to his purchases. Another dividend was declared on stock also. These were for the last year six per cent. each, thus returning to a man who owned one share of stock and had obtained $200 worth of goods, the handsome amount of $12 30, which would be a saving of three weeks' consumption. It need not be wondered at that with such inducements purchasers were plenty, for their prices were cheap. Non-stockholders did not participate in these benefits, and all owners of shares were placed on equal terms. The owner of ten parts received no greater return on his purchases than the owner of one. It is true he had a small profit from his stock, but his money invested must necessarily be inconsiderable in proportion to the groceries bought. Nothing was kept on hand excepting these, and a messenger delivered them in all parts of the city. Their sales for the last six months were $27,000, and for the six months preceding $33,000, but very little less than that of the largest and best established retail groceries in that city. They have never endeavored to sell at a less rate than other merchants who deal for cash, but have always maintained a good reputation. Their expenses for clerk-hire and the salary of manager are about $75 per week, and the ordinary quantity of goods kept on hand varies from $6,000 to $7,000. They have now divided the establishment, one part being up town and the other part down town, and they ascribe the diminished sales of the last six months to this circumstance. Altogether, this may be deemed a success, although not so much so as could be wished. It has not advertised its business, and its expenses have been very light in proportion to its sales.

THE FREE READING-ROOM.

This is also the result of the wise care of the Trades Assembly. Hundreds of young men, living in boarding-houses, and having nowhere to spend their leisure time, bless the design and execution of this work. The rooms of the Free Library are located at the intersection of Grand, Division, and Fourth streets, and consist of two apartments, one of which is occupied as the reading-room, and the other as a conversation-room. In the evening, the latter is filled by different societies, who each pay $1 50 for the use per night. The number of periodicals is not large, but comprises six dailies and twelve weeklies and monthlies. Beside this, some friends have contributed an immense number of old periodicals, dating from the time of the old *Whig Review* down to the present. The rooms are thronged nightly by intelligent and respectable workingmen, and a very general interest is felt in the success of this undertaking. Here, too, is the spot where the labor interests of the City find a centre, for there are always many workingmen in attendance. A large number of volumes have been given to its library by citizens, among whom the most prominent are Hon. THOMAS B. CORVALL, and JOHN M. FRANCIS, Esq., the former gentleman, among other volumes, donating a set of "Cobbett's Weekly Register," and the latter over sixty books from his private library. The total number of volumes is about 700, some of them quite valuable. Other citizens have given stoves, chairs, and other necessary articles of furniture.

The credit of originating and carrying this on, from its opening in July, 1865, belongs to workingmen. The trades societies have taxed themselves five and ten cents per month, and individuals have given largely or their scanty means. It is emphatically a workingman's library and reading-room, and they appreciate it. The labor of the organization depended mainly upon J. J. FLYNN, a well-known workman in the city, who has labored uncessingly for its success. In this he has been assisted by the librarian, E. S. DOUGLAS, who is constantly in attendance during hours. They extend on week days from 8 in the morning to 10 at night, with the intermission of an hour for dinner and the same for supper. On Sundays the rooms are open for a brief period.

Its pecuniary condition has not been very flattering, for it has been hard work to obtain the funds necessary to carry it on. The salary of the librarian is $720 per year, and the other expenses make it foot up to nearly $1,400. With all the donations it has received, and the income derived from taxes on the various unions, with the rent of the rooms, it barely meets its engagements. To obviate this the Trades Assembly has remitted its authority over the matter, and an association has been formed to manage its affairs. They propose to sell tickets for $1, each of which will admit the purchaser to the use of the library, and will permit the drawing of books from its shelves. In that particular, it will no longer be free; but its periodicals will remain as before. Enough tickets, it is thought, will be sold to defray the cost of carrying on the institution without resorting to taxes or other devices. A debating society was in existence last Winter, and will continue this, and several interesting and profitable discussions are expected. It is also proposed to have a course of lectures during the Winter. Applications for this purpose have been made to GOUGH and other distinguished orators, and it is hoped they will be successful. ANNA E. DICKINSON gave one last Spring, but the result was not advantageous to the society. The gentle-fced but strong-minded lady did not draw. A neat and compact catalogue has recently been published, and the annual election of officers will take place on the 27th of December.

THE CO-OPERATIVE FOUNDRY.

This is the last act and youngest of these enterprises in Troy. Its preliminary organization was commenced in the little hall of the reading room during the great strike of last Winter. A general meeting of the stove and hollow-ware founders of the United States was held in Albany in February last, in which it was resolved that they would no longer submit to the dictations of the trades unions, but would manage their own affairs in their own way. On a certain day a notice would be posted in each establishment in the country, declaring to the workmen that they had resumed their authority, that committees of workmen could no longer interfere between their employees and themselves, and that as many boys should be used in their workshops as they thought fit. This was immediately resented, and the employers resorted to a lock-out in Troy and Albany. In the former place the manufacture of stoves is the most important branch of labor carried on, employing over seven hundred moulders and a large number of stove mounters, and divided among eleven firms. The lock-out continued about eight weeks, when the employers virtually gave in. They had used their expressions in a Pickwickian sense, and had meant nothing invidious. On the other hand, the moulders declared that their committees were only for themselves, and did not pretend to arbitrate between master and men. This strike lost Troy the value of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and both parties remained substantially as before.

One new and marked feature, however, was the establishment of a new foundry. Many workmen perceived that this matter was never to be finally settled until every man should become his own employer, and consequently, almost as soon as the lock-out commenced, they canvassed the project of a new foundry. The business is very profitable in any place where the great staples of iron and coal can be obtained with cheapness, and where good workmen are plenty. They had the moulders, and it was only necessary to obtain the capital to carry it on. One of the best known foundries offered its shop for sale to them, but they declined it, and determined to construct their own buildings. Subscriptions were obtained, meetings were held daily, and the adequate capital secured. An organization was effected by the election of SIMON F. MANN as Superintendent, with a sufficient Board of Trustees, articles of agreement signed, and the matter presented to the Legislature by the late JAMES S. THORN, Member of Assembly. They decided that no special act was required, and that the general act of corporation was sufficient. The plans and specifications for the new building were drawn up, the land purchased, and the work went on steadily and speedily. The strike ceased, but they did not intermit their labors. The agreements were commenced on the 10th of May, and on the 16th of July the foundry was in operation.

Enter it to-day, and you will see a model shop. The buildings are long and openly built, as they are everywhere, being one story on the inside, although looking to be two outside. Two structures, besides a wing, comprise the extent of the edifices, all of good substantial brick. The superintendent, Mr. MANN, is on hand to conduct those who may desire it through the buildings, and but few hollow-ware men leave Troy without an inspection. Every thing runs harmoniously, each man knowing his own place, and working with skill and energy. All are first-class hands, for they had the choice out of seven hundred when the measure was first debated, and the average amount of work is from fifteen to twenty per cent. more than any other establishment having the same number of men. All the employees are stockholders, with the exception of two apprentices, and the total number is forty-four. There are two outside holders of shares, so that the aggregate corresponds with that of the workmen. One of these owners is a lady who resides in New-York.

The site selected for the erection of the foundry was on the river side of River-street, the main road running from Troy to Lansingburgh, which, here, is almost in the country. A great lot on the map was bought, consisting of thirty-seven city lots, for which the price of $4,800 was paid, cash in hand. Nothing has been done on credit. The buildings were next put up, the machinery and tools purchased, coal and iron bought, and the foundry set in motion. They purchased from HYDE, the well-known stove man, the right to manufacture one or two of his patents, and also manufactured stoves for the other shops. Stove men this season have been driven with work, and the other founders in Troy were glad to obtain additional facilities for its execution. They have exhibited a very friendly feeling to the new enterprise, and have thrown no obstacle in its way. The capital invested in the buildings, ground and tools, is about $28,000, all paid up, and they now inventory of property between $30,000 and $31,000. A large stock of iron is on hand, sufficient, it is thought, to last until April, and other stock is plenty. During the Summer they have manufactured from 800 to 1,000 of their own cook-stoves, and about 5,000 for other parties, besides doing general jobbing. They melt about one and a half tons per day. It is a most beautiful operation to a bystander, to watch the streams of liquid fire, bubbling and boiling through the pipe into a large iron receptacle, while the workmen, like Vulcans, stand ground, each waiting for his turn to obtain the fiery fluid. Thirty-two moulders are employed in this department, using about 300 flasks in last July, but having now been augmented to 1,200. From 1,700 to 1,900 stoves are cast per month.

With this increase of stock on hand, the condition of the mechanic has been improved. Wages of moulders are very high, all through the country, for which the public has to pay in the increased cost of stoves and other wares and machinery. All the men in this foundry, who can, work by the piece, and we are told that the average wages of their workmen are about $30 per week, averaging about 8½ hours per day. This is in the Summer time. In the Winter their wages become less, for work is not done by artificial light, and the hours are not over 8 or 8½ per day. Still, Mr. MANN thinks their earnings will not be less than $25 per week. They have been enabled to pay off regularly every Saturday night since commencing, and owe no wages except to one or two hands, who have desired them to let it stand. This Winter they expect no lost time at all, except that occasioned by the laws of nature, while it is customary for like establishments to stop for two or three months, and some years they were closed four. When the market becomes glutted, and stoves are plenty, prices are naturally low, and no employer can manufacture them at an advantage. He must make a certain per cent. or it is no longer profitable. The co-operative man, however, have another resource. They manufacture more cheaply and with greater economy, as more work is done with the same amount of stock and tools, and there is less waste of material, and they can therefore produce at a little less, even if that little be only one or two per cent. That often makes the margin necessary to work with profit. Even should they work at a dead loss as manufacturers, they have their labor as workmen, and a tax of a dollar or two per week would not be severely felt. It would be nothing in comparison with the loss of a week's work. The Superintendent is very hopeful of the success of the undertaking, and thinks it is destined to be permanent. Such a conviction is general among the moiders of Troy, and frequent applications have been made for admission into the partnership. No estimate can be made as to the amount of percentage which will be returned to the shareholders, but a balance sheet will be exhibited on the first of January. Two hundred and eighty shares have been sold, of the par value of one hundred dollars each, and the amount to be disposed of is unlimited by law.

The objections commonly made against these partnerships are that they are liable to termination by quarrels, and that dishonest and designing men obtain the control. These can only be answered by time, and if this and similar enterprises stand his magic test, their success may be regarded as assured. The managing force of the foundry consists of a superintendent, book-keeper, and foreman of the molders. Their united expense is less than $2,500 yearly, which would seem to be too small in proportion to the rent of the wages paid. It should be recollected, however, that they are heavy stockholders.

COST OF LIVING.

To estimate properly the wages paid in Troy the price of living should

OFFICIAL STATE CANVASS

State of New-York, ss.—STATEMENT of the whole number of votes given for GOVERNOR as a General Election, held in the said State, on the sixth day of November, in the year 1866, wherein the several counties in which the said votes were given are distinguished:

COUNTIES.	Reuben E. Fenton.	John T. Hoffman.	Whole No. of Votes.
Albany	11,534	11,320	22,854
Allegany	6,350	2,901	9,251
Broome	5,193	3,795	8,988
Cattaraugus	5,178	3,936	9,114
Cayuga	7,743	4,076	11,819
Chautauqua	5,990	3,414	12,406
Chemung	3,962	2,867	6,829
Chenango	4,571	3,960	8,531
Clinton	3,699	3,699	7,398
Columbia	5,115	4,953	11,062
Cortland	2,972	2,930	5,902
Delaware	5,468	4,946	10,414
Dutchess	7,281	6,261	13,571
Erie	12,536	13,123	25,719
Essex	3,089	1,913	4,996
Franklin	2,858	1,953	4,810
Fulton and Hamilton	3,583	3,459	6,942
Genesee	3,419	2,955	6,374
Greene	3,210	3,333	6,543
Herkimer	5,152	4,531	9,683
Jefferson	8,147	6,314	13,461
Kings	19,634	20,146	39,780
Lewis	3,182	2,670	5,852
Livingston	4,555	3,118	7,673
Madison	5,023	3,513	8,536
Monroe	10,008	7,927	17,935
Montgomery	3,819	3,515	7,334
New-York	33,492	80,977	114,469
Niagara	4,716	4,259	8,975
Oneida	12,431	11,124	23,555
Onondaga	11,198	8,469	19,667
Ontario	5,271	3,672	8,943
Orange	7,187	6,407	13,594
Orleans	3,285	2,409	5,694
Oswego	6,998	5,480	12,478
Otsego	6,235	5,799	12,034
Putnam	1,259	1,430	2,689
Queens	2,811	4,574	7,385
Rensselaer	9,880	7,508	17,388
Richmond	1,508	2,479	3,987
Rockland	1,459	1,973	3,432
St. Lawrence	10,648	3,148	13,796
Saratoga	6,078	4,191	10,269
Schenectady	2,469	2,112	4,581
Schoharie	3,191	2,982	6,173
Schuyler	2,576	1,884	4,461
Seneca	2,787	3,184	5,971
Steuben	8,021	5,527	13,548
Suffolk	3,483	3,079	6,562
Sullivan	2,490	2,864	5,354
Tioga	3,488	3,508	7,296
Tompkins	4,456	2,952	7,408
Ulster	6,789	7,156	13,945
Warren	2,922	1,944	4,866
Washington	5,972	5,035	10,907
Wayne	6,021	4,026	10,047
Westchester	9,519	8,293	18,817
Wyoming	3,286	2,813	6,099
Yates	2,878	1,476	4,354
	366,315	352,520	719,195

Dated ALBANY, Dec. 5, 1866.
FRANCIS C. BARLOW, Secretary of State.
THOMAS HILLHOUSE, Comptroller.
J. PLATT GOODSELL, State Engineer and Surveyor.
JOHN H. MARTINDALE, Attorney-General.
JOSEPH HOWLAND, Treasurer.

Scattering Votes for Governor.

Alleghany County—R. E. Fenton received one vote.
Broome County—Hoffman received one vote.
Cattaraugus County—John A. Dix received one vote; Hoffman received one vote.
Cayuga County—John T. Hoffman received one vote; W. W. Wright received two votes; R. Fenton received one vote; Fenton received one vote; Mr. Hoffman received one vote.
Chautauqua County—John P. Hoffman received one vote; Blank received one vote; J. T. Hoffman received one vote; Horace Greeley received one vote.
Chemung County—J. T. Hoffman received one vote.
Chenango County—R. E. Fenton received one vote.
Clinton County—Levi Platt received one vote.
Columbia County—Reuben Fenton received one vote; Fenton received two votes; J. T. Hoffman received one vote.
Cortland County—Michael Miller received one vote.
Delaware County—R. E. Fenton received one vote; R. Fenton received one vote; Michael Miller received one vote; Blank received one vote.
Dutchess County—Hoffman received one vote; Blank received six votes; Reuben Fenton received one vote.
Erie County—Scattering forty-two votes.
Essex County—Frederick Sayward received one vote; John Ross received one vote; Hoffman received one vote; John A. Dix received one vote.
Fulton and Hamilton County—Fenton received one vote.
Genesee County—R. E. Fenton received one vote.
Greene County—Lyman Tremain received one vote.
Herkimer County—J. T. Hoffman received one vote.
Jefferson County—J. T. Hoffman received one vote; Reuben E. Hoffman received one vote.
Kings County—Hoffman received ten votes; John A. Dix received three votes; Reuben E. Fenton received one vote; J. T. Hoffman received one vote; J. Hoffman received one vote; John Hoffman received one vote; Fenton received one vote; Butler received one vote; Fenton received one vote; T. Hoffman received one vote; scattering fourteen; Blank thirty-one.
Lewis County—Fenton Fenton received one vote; R. Fenton received one vote.
Livingston County—Gen. R. Fenton received one vote; Fenton received one vote.
Madison County—Reu. F. Fenton received one vote.
Monroe County—Wm. Wright received one vote; Blank received one vote; Reuben E. Hoffman received two votes; Hoffman received one vote; Defective one vote.
New-York County—Blank received forty votes; Scattering forty-six.
Niagara County—E. L. Fenton received two votes; Hoffman received one vote; Fenton received one vote.
Oneida County—Blank received two votes; R. Fenton received one vote.
Onondaga County—R. E. Fenton received one vote; Hoffman received two votes; John T. H. received one vote; Blank received nine votes.
Ontario County—R. E. Fenton received two votes; Robert E. Fenton received one vote.
Orange County—Hoffman received one vote; R. E. Fenton received one vote; Blank received one vote.
Orleans County—John A. Dix received one vote; R. E. Fenton received one vote; Fenton received one vote.
Oswego County—Kitty O'Brien received one vote; Edward Hawks received one vote; Blank received six votes.
Otsego County—J. T. Hoffman received one vote; Fenton received one vote.
Putnam County—Charles L. Austin received one vote.
Queens County—Hoffman received one vote.
Rensselaer Co nty—Hoffman received one vote; R. E. Fenton received one vote; Blank received three votes.
Richmond County—Jeremiah Simonson received two votes.
St. Lawrence County—Reuben Fenton received one vote; R. E. Fenton received one vote; Fenton received one vote; R. Fenton received one vote; Edwin D. Morgan received one vote.
Saratoga County—Blank received one vote; J. T. Hoffman received one vote; J. D. Hoffman received one vote; A. M. Boyce received one vote; Thomas Horton received one vote.
Schoharie County—R. E. Fenton received one vote; J. T. Hoffman received one vote.
Schuyler County—Reuben E. Fenton received one vote.
Seneca County—Blank received one vote; Fenton received one vote.
Steuben County—Fenton received one vote.
Ulster County—Hoffman received one vote; Blank received one vote; J. T. Hoffman received one vote; Horace Greeley received one vote; Blank received one vote; Hoffman received one vote; R. E. Fenton received one vote; William Willis received twenty-three votes.
Washington County—J. Hoffman received one vote; R. E. Fenton received one vote.
Wayne County—Fenton received one vote.
Westchester County—J. T. Hoffman received one vote; W. Clinton received one vote; Fenton received one vote; R. H. Fenton received one vote; scattering one vote.
Wyoming County—R. E. Fenton received one vote; Fenton received one vote.

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State of New-York, ss.—STATEMENT of the whole number of votes given for LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR at a General Election, held in the said State, on the 6th day of November, in the year 1866, wherein the several counties in which the said votes were given are distinguished.

COUNTIES.	Stephen T. Hay.	William W. Wright.	Whole No. of Votes.
Albany	11,592	11,271	22,863
Allegany	6,355	2610	8965
Broome	5194	3355	8552
Cattaraugus	5738	3404	9142
Cayuga	7665	4118	11,792
Chautauqua	8725	3068	12,813
Chemung	3472	2776	6248
Chenango	4592	3964	8566
Clinton	3712	3585	7297
Columbia	5135	4914	10,049
Cortland	2970	2502	5472
Delaware	5351	3971	9324
Dutchess	7264	6097	13,360
Erie	12,566	13,033	25,701
Essex	3128	1863	4991
Franklin	2858	1953	4811
Fulton and Hamilton	3276	3681	6957
Genesee	3076	2935	6011
Greene	3191	3485	6676
Herkimer	5181	3835	9016
Jefferson	8144	8315	16,459
Kings	20,170	28,726	48,896
Lewis	3178	2677	5855
Livingston	4536	3195	7667
Madison	5014	3933	8947
Monroe	10,112	6120	16,234
Montgomery	3,910	3527	7,437
New-York	33,701	80,871	114,577
Niagara	4706	3999	8705
Oneida	12,400	11,161	23,561
Onondaga	11,543	8019	19,562
Ontario	5232	3807	9039
Orange	7175	6496	13,671
Orleans	3685	2130	5815
Oswego	6,677	5,893	12,570
Otsego	6347	5799	12,146
Putnam	1328	1434	2763
Queens	2833	4585	7418
Rensselaer	9526	7555	17,086
Richmond	1545	2444	3989
Rockland	1567	1969	3536
St. Lawrence	10,656	3126	13,782
Saratoga	6089	4194	10,270
Schenectady	2469	1982	4465
Schoharie	3112	4636	7747
Schuyler	2575	1854	4453
Seneca	2717	5157	5875
Steuben	8144	5573	13,519
Suffolk	3092	3561	7653
Sullivan	2980	3510	6510
Tioga	3977	2751	6734
Tompkins	4456	2934	7410
Ulster	6932	7074	14,006
Warren	2920	1942	4862
Washington	5967	3537	9504
Wayne	5990	4054	10,046
Westchester	7547	8219	15,766
Wyoming	4098	2259	6,357
Yates	2967	1485	4356
	366,970	351,947	718,177

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Scattering votes given for Lieutenant-Governor.

Allegany County—A. F. Barlow received one vote.
Broome County—Patrick Higgins received one vote; Alfred D. Barto received one vote; Alford F. Bartow received one vote.
Cayuga County—Alfred F. Bartow received five votes.
Columbia County—Mrs. Partington received one vote.
Cortland County—Alfred T. Barto received one vote.
Delaware County—R. Woodford received one vote; Blank received two votes.
Dutchess County—William W. Wright received one vote; Blank received three votes.
Erie County—Scattering eighteen.
Genesee County—A. F. Barto received one vote; Alfred F. Barto received one vote.
Kings County—William W. Wright received one vote; Steward L. Woodford received ninety votes; Prunn received one vote; Mr. Prunn received two votes; Blank received two votes; scattering five; blank nine.
Livingston County—Alfred F. Barto received seven votes.
Monroe County—Andrew Bartow received two votes; Blank received one vote; Alfred D. Barton received two votes.
New-York County—Blank received thirty-four votes; scattering eighteen votes.
Niagara County—James F. Trott received one vote.
Oswego County—Robert H. Prune received one vote; blank received one vote.
O eida County—Blank received two votes; Alfred Barstow received one vote.
Onondaga County—Alfred F. Barto received eight votes; Blank received one vote; Woodford received one vote.
Otsego County—Alfred F. Barton received one vote; Woodford received one vote.
Putnam County—Joshua L. Dean received one vote.
Queens County—Joseph Cook received three votes.
Rensselaer County—Robt. H. Pruyn received one vote; Blank received two votes.
Saratoga County—Alfred F. Barlow received one vote; W. W. Wright received one vote; Woodford received one vote.
Schoharie County—T. B. Warner received one vote.
Schuyler County—Reuben E. Fenton received one vote.
Schuyler County—Alfred T. Barto received one vote.
Saratoga County—Thomas G. Alvord received five votes; Blank received one vote.
Steuben County—Reuben Scrafton received six votes.
Wyoming County—S. L. Woodford received one vote.
Wayne County—Alfred F. Bartow received one vote.
Washington County—S. L. Woodford received one vote.
Yates County—Alfred F. Barlow received two votes.

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State of New-York, ss.—We, the Secretary of State, Comptroller, State Engineer and Surveyor, Attorney-General and Treasurer of said State, having formed a Board of State Canvassers, and having canvassed and estimated the whole number of votes given for Lieutenant-Governor, at a General Election held in said State on the sixth day of November, 1866, according to the certified statements of the said votes received by the Secretary of State, in the manner directed by law, do hereby determine, declare and certify that STEWART L. WOODFORD, by the greatest number of votes given at the said election, was duly elected LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR of the said State.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS, at the office of the Secretary of State of the said State, in the City of Albany, the 5th day of December, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six.

FRANCIS C. BARLOW, Secretary of State.
THOMAS HILLHOUSE, Comptroller.
J. PLATT GOODSELL, State Engineer and Surveyor.
JOHN H. MARTINDALE, Attorney-General.
JOSEPH HOWLAND, Treasurer.

State of New-York, ss.—STATEMENT of the whole number of votes given for CANAL COMMISSIONER at a General Election held in the said State, on the sixth day of November, in the year 1866, wherein the several counties in which the said votes were given are distinguished.

COUNTIES.	John Hammond.	Francis B. Gallagher.	Whole No. of Votes.
Albany	11,604	11,261	22,865
Allegany	6322	2620	8943
Broome	5190	3359	8552
Cattaraugus	5698	3441	9139
Cayuga	7674	4099	11,783
Chautauqua	8776	3858	12,634
Chemung	3466	2972	6440
Chenango	5590	3966	9556
Clinton	3718	3582	7300
Columbia	5137	4911	10,048
Cortland	2967	2953	5920
Delaware	5350	3970	9322
Dutchess	7296	6075	13,375
Erie	12,469	13,196	25,665
Essex	3181	1842	5024
Franklin	2855	1952	4807
Fulton and Hamilton	3276	2877	6956
Genesee	3006	3480	6486
Greene	3193	3552	6745
Herkimer	5171	3843	9014
Jefferson	8145	8314	16,459
Kings	20,150	28,514	48,764
Lewis	3176	2678	5854
Livingston	4537	3124	7968
Madison	5033	3925	8958
Monroe	10,106	8110	18,219
Montgomery	3802	3634	7237
New-York	33,772	80,036	113,808
Niagara	4667	4030	8703
Oneida	12,404	111,181	23,585
Onondaga	11,566	8031	19,604
Ontario	5253	3692	8945
Orange	7165	6496	13,661
Orleans	3655	2141	5696
Oswego	6414	5414	13,871
Otsego	6345	5797	12,145
Putnam	1327	1433	2760
Queens	3642	4538	8181
Rensselaer	9807	7856	17,671
Richmond	1541	2429	3970
Rockland	1569	1959	3528
St. Lawrence	10,629	3164	13,794
Saratoga	6077	4201	10,284
Schenectady	2480	1981	4461
Schoharie	3118	4736	7854
Schuyler	2572	1858	4430
Seneca	2733	5179	5912
Steuben	8021	5527	13,548
Suffolk	3483	3079	6562
Sullivan	2490	2864	5354
Tioga	3488	3508	7296
Tompkins	4456	2952	7408
Ulster	6789	7156	13,945
Warren	2922	1944	4866
Washington	5972	5035	10,907
Wayne	6021	4026	10,047
Westchester	9519	8293	18,817
Wyoming	3286	2813	6,099
Yates	2878	1476	4,354
Total	367,194	351,643	718,837

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State of New-York, ss.—STATEMENT of the whole number of votes given for INSPECTOR OF STATE PRISONS at a General Election, held in the said State on the sixth day of November, in the year 1866, wherein the several Counties in which the said votes were given are distinguished.

COUNTIES.	James A. Van Brunt.	Demas Barnes.	Bernard Hughes.	Whole No. of Votes.
Sixth, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Twelfth, Fourteenth, Sixteenth & Eighteenth Wards of the City of Brooklyn and the Towns of Flatbush, Flatlands, Gravesend, New-Lots and New-Utrecht, in the County of Kings	8985	15,614	254	25,035

THIRD DISTRICT.

	Simeon B. Chittenden.	William E. Robinson.	Whole No. of votes.
First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Seventh, Eleventh, Thirteenth, Fifteenth and Nineteenth Wards of the City of Brooklyn	10,873	12,634	23,510

FOURTH DISTRICT.

	Horace Greeley.	John Fox.	Whole No. of votes.
First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Eighth Wards of the City and County of New-York, and Governor's Island	3743	14,003	17,845

FIFTH DISTRICT.

	Essex Hicks.	Nelson Taylor.	John Morrissey.	Whole No. of votes.
Seventh, Tenth, Thirteenth and Fourteenth Wards of the City and County of New-York	2297	6853	9182	18,013

SIXTH DISTRICT.

	Charles Spencer.	George Stephenson.	Thomas E. Stewart.	Whole No. of votes.
Ninth, Fifteenth and Sixteenth Wards of the City and County of New-York	6955	711	9482	17,189

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

	George F. Chamberlain.	John W. Chandler.	Whole No. of votes.
Eleventh and Seventeenth Wards of the City and County of New-York	6748	11,608	18,356

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

	Le Grand B. Cannon.	Elizabeth Cady Stanton.	James Brooks.	Whole No. of votes.
Eighteenth, Twentieth and Twenty-first Wards of the City and County of New-York	9210	34	13,916	22,100

NINTH DISTRICT.

	William A. Darling.	Fernando Wood.	Whole No. of votes.
Twelfth, Nineteenth & Twenty-second Wards of the City and County of New-York, and Blackwell's, Ward and Randall's Islands	7895	9883	17,778

TENTH DISTRICT.

	William H. Robertson.	William Radford.	Whole No. of votes.
Westchester	9243	9000	18,243
Rockland	1629	1583	3212
Putnam	1361	1500	2760
Total	13,013	9957	21,960

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

	Charles H. Wyckoff.	Eliasz Anderson.	Whole No. of votes.
Orange	7671	5871	13,492
Sullivan	3044	3462	6510
	10,194	9033	20,136

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

	John H. Ketcham.	Casper C. Collier.	Whole No. of votes.
Dutchess	7407	5966	13,373
Columbia	5126	4951	10,116
	12,533	10,940	23,389

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

	Thomas Cornell.	Joseph H. Tuthill.	Whole No. of votes.
Ulster	7203	6298	13,977
Greene	3268	3451	6719
	10,471	10,179	20,716

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

	Joseph H. Ramsey.	John V. L. Pruyn.	Whole No. of votes.
Albany	11,797	11,088	22,845
Schoharie	3215	4932	7748
	14,972	15,620	30,593

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

	John A. Griswold.	Nathaniel S. Millman.	Whole No. of votes.
Rensselaer	9756	7313	17,078
Washington	9833	3060	8997
	19,589	10,373	26,075

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

	Orange Ferris	George V. Hoyt.	Whole No. of votes.
Warren	2930	1923	4853
Essex	3134	1997	5021
Clinton	3997	3592	7281
	9361	7412	16,755

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

	Calvin Hulbard.	Darius W. Lawrence.	Whole No. of votes.
St. Lawrence	10,680	3158	13,787
Franklin	2940	1960	4900
	13,443	5118	18,567

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT.

	James M. Marvin.	Thomas R. Horton.	Whole No. of votes.
Fulton and Hamilton	3283	2066	5349
Montgomery	3519	3618	7137
Saratoga	6143	4107	10,254
Schenectady	3461	1926	5460
	15,406	12,342	27,843

NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

	William C. Fields.	Stephen C. Johnson.	Whole No. of votes.
Delaware	5332	3892	9224
Otsego	6337	5768	12,109
Chenango	5589	3963	9552
	17,277	13,621	30,912

TWENTIETH DISTRICT.

	Addison H. Laflin.	Edward S. Lansing.	Whole No. of votes.
Jefferson	8127	6264	12,391
Lewis	3179	2672	5852
Herkimer	5192	3807	8999
	16,498	11,734	28,249

TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

	Roscoe Conkling.	Palmer V. Kellogg.	Whole No. of votes.
Oneida	12,470	11,053	23,527

TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

	John C. Churchill.	Elberius Perry.	Whole No. of votes.
Madison	5838	3500	9438
Oswego	8323	5327	13661
	14461	8827	23289

TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

	Dennis McCarthy.	William C. Ruger.	Whole No. of votes.
Onondaga	11529	7913	19503
Cortland	3731	2163	5797
	15,260	9968	25,932

TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

	Theodore M. Pomeroy.	George Humphreys.	Whole No. of votes.
Cayuga	7550	4172	11,728
Wayne	5029	4985	10,017
Seneca	2710	3147	5858
	16,189	11,404	27,604

TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

	William H. Wheeler.	Henry O. Chesebro.	Whole No. of votes.
Ontario	5217	3715	8936
Livingston	4443	3111	7,99
Yates	2875	1478	4354
	12,627	8324	20,989

TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT.

	William S. Wilkin.	Henry Hilton.	Whole No. of votes.
Tioga	4217	2903	6220
Tompkins	4461	2948	7408
Broome	5137	3311	8449
Schuyler	2280	1880	4160
	16,194	19,249	27,117

TWENTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT.

	Hamilton Ward.	John G. Collins.	Whole No. of votes.
Chemung	3434	3109	6543
Steuben	7893	5432	13,515
Allegany	6334	3886	8921
	17,750	11,436	20,178

TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT.

	Roswell Hart.	Lewis Selye.	Whole No. of votes.
Monroe	7634	10,293	17,944
Orleans	3123	2458	5627
	10,757	12,791	23,571

TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT.

	Burt Van Horn.	Harlow L. Comstock.	Whole No. of votes.
Genesee	3717	2623	6344
Niagara	4514	4076	8641
Wyoming	4303	2823	6648
	12,304	9131	21,361

THIRTIETH DISTRICT.

	Almon M. Clapp.	James M. Humphrey.	Whole No. of votes.
Erie	12,685	13,402	25,572

THIRTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

	Henry Van Aernam.	Hanson A. Riley.	Whole No. of votes.
Chautauqua	5713	3856	12,574
Cattaraugus	5092	3443	9135
	14,405	7299	21,709

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SCATTERING VOTES GIVEN FOR REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS.

First District.

Suffolk County—Austin Downs received one vote.
Queens County—S. T. Taber received one vote: Taber received one vote.

Second District.

William Robinson received three votes; Simeon B. Chittenden received nine votes; Barnes received one vote; William E. Robinson received eleven votes; Hunter received two votes; Robinson received two votes; Simon B. Chittenden received one vote; James A. Van Bet received one vote; Thomas Oanen received one vote; John W. Hunter received five votes; S. B. Chittenden received two votes; James M. Brunt received one vote; Samuel B. Chittenden received four votes; John Papa received ten votes; Frank McCloskey received two votes; William Napoleon received one vote; Henry C. Murphy, Jr., received one vote; Martin Kubinesch received one vote; Scattering seventy; Blank thirty-one.

Third District.

George B. Lincoln received two votes; Simon B. Chittenden received one vote; John W. Hunter received ten votes; Demas Barnes received eight votes; Theodore Tilton received one vote; Richard Ralph received one vote; James R. Van Brunt received one vote; H. G. Halsbay received one vote; John W. Hunter received three votes; James Howe received one vote; W. E. Robinson received two votes; Pat Maicy received one vote; E. L. Sanderson received one vote; Charles C. Talbot received one vote; E. Robinson received one vote; Robinson received one vote; James A. Vanbrunt received one vote; Henry M. Butt received one vote; John L. Hunter received one vote; Scattering three; Blank thirty-one.

Fourth District.

Blank received twenty-five votes; Scattering seventy-four.

Fifth District.

Blank received fourteen votes; Scattering forty.

Sixth District.

Blank received three votes; Scattering thirty-eight.

Seventh District.

Blank received seven votes; Scattering eighty-three.

Eighth District.

Blank received eighteen votes; Scattering thirty-two.

Ninth District.

Blank received thirty votes; Scattering thirty-eight.

Tenth District.

Westchester County—Reobertson received two votes; W. Radford received two votes; W. H. E. received one vote; W. H. Robt. received one vote; Thos. R. Nelson received one vote; Judge Robertson received one vote; Bill Robertson received one vote; Radford received one vote; H. Roberts received one vote.

Eleventh District.

Orange County—Anderson received three votes; J. Anderson received one vote; C. Van Wyck received one vote.
Sullivan County—C. H. Van Wyck received one vote; Charles Van Wyck received one vote; George Hill received one vote; A. Gay received one vote.

Twelfth District.

Dutchess County—Blank received four votes; Ketcham received one vote; J. H. Ketchum received one vote; John Charsierd received one vote.
Columbia County—Gen. Ketcham received one vote; John H. Ketchum received one vote; Casper C. Collier received one vote; Casper F. Colier received one vote; John H. Ketch received one vote; John Hoffman received one vote; C. P. Collier received one vote.

Thirteenth District.

Ulster County—J. Tuthill received one vote; T. Cornell received three votes; Cornell received two votes; Joseph Tuthill received six votes; Member of Congress 12th District received two votes; Thomas W. Cornell received one vote; Cornel received one vote.

Fourteenth District.

Schoharie County—J. H. Ramsay received one vote.

Fifteenth District.

Rensselaer County—John V. L. Pruyn received one vote; Blank received six votes.
Washington County—Joseph H. Ramsey received one vote; S. Millman received one vote; J. A. Griswold received one vote; Griswold received one vote.

Sixteenth District.

Clinton County—Smith M. Weed received one vote; Clark received one vote.

Seventeenth District.

St. Lawrence County—C. T. Hulbard received one vote; S. N. Sherman received one vote.

Eighteenth District.

Saratoga County—James Marvin received one vote; T. R. Horton received one vote; T. Horton received one vote; Blank received one vote.

Nineteenth District.

Delaware County—W. Fields received one vote; C. S. Fields received one vote; C. B. Wade received one vote; Simon B. Champion received three votes; Blank received two votes.
Otsego County—W. C. Fields received one vote; Will. C. Fields received one vote; Levi Tarbox received one vote; William W. Campbell received one vote; Fields received two votes.

Twentieth District.

Jefferson County—Edward Lansing received one vote; John L. Dunlap received eleven votes; Dr. Dunlap received one vote; B. F. Button received one vote; J. E. Karr received one vote; A. H. Laflin received one vote; Laflin received one vote.

Twenty-first District.

Oneida County—J. L. Dean received one vote; Blank received one vote; Palmer V. Kellog received one vote; R. Conklin received one vote.

Twenty-second District.

Oswego County—Churchill received one vote; Dewitt C. Littlejohn received two votes; D. C. Littlejohn received one vote; Blank received seven votes.

Twenty-third District.

Onondaga County—D. McCarthy received two votes; Patrick McCarthy received one vote; William C. Ruger received one vote; Ruger received one vote; Peter Burns received one vote; Blank received fifty-seven votes.
Cortland County—M. Duell received five votes; H. J. Messenger received two votes; Arthur Holmes received one vote; Horatio Ballard received one vote; Beoni Hicks received one vote; Sneak Strowbridge received one vote; R. Mills received one vote; Wm. S. Lincoln received one vote.

Twenty-fourth District.

Cayuga County—T. M. Pomeroy received two votes; A. M. Lyon received one vote; Humphrey received two votes; Frank S. Gallager received one vote; Satan for Congress received one vote.
Wayne County—James Miller received three votes.
Seneca County—S. R. Wells received one vote.

Twenty-fifth District.

Ontario County—H. O. Chesebro received one vote; E. G. Lapham received two votes; Jno. Morrissey received one vote.
Livingston County—Blank received thirteen votes.
Yates County—Jillett Kelsey received one vote.

Twenty-sixth District.

Tioga County—W. S. Lincoln received one vote.
Tompkins County—John H. Selkreg received one vote; John P. Hart received one vote.
Broome County—Val. Kissing received one vote.

Twenty-seventh District.

Chemung County—J. G. Collins received one vote.
Steuben County—John D. Collins received ninety-one votes.
Allegany County—H. Ward received one vote.

Twenty-Eighth District.

Monroe County—John McConville received one vote; Blank received five votes; Addison Gardiner received one vote; Sanford E. Church received three votes; Frederick Douglass received one vote; Roswell Selye received one vote; A. C. Hooby received one vote; Daniel H. Cole received two votes; Hicks Dunning received two votes.
Orleans County—William C. Ruger received two votes; Selye received one vote; Cooper Smith received one vote; L. Selye received one vote; Sanford E. Church received one vote; J. R. Burroughs received one vote.

Twenty-Ninth District.

Genesee County—A. L. Comstock received one vote; Comstock received one vote; Augustus Frank received one vote; H. L. Comstock received one vote.
Niagara County—Isaac Wentworth received one vote; H. L. Comstock received three votes; H. Comstock received one vote; Burt Van Steal received one vote; B. Van Horn received one vote; Comstock received four votes.
Wyoming County—H. L. Comstock received one vote.

Thirtieth District.

Erie County—Scattering, eighty-five.

Thirty-first District.

Chautauqua County—Thomas Pullen received three votes; H. A. Risley received two votes.

Dated ALBANY, Dec. 6, 1866.
FRANCIS C. BARLOW, Secretary of State.
THOMAS HILLHOUSE, Comptroller.
J. PLATT GOODSELL, State Eng. and Surveyor.
JOHN H. MARTINDALE, Attorney-General.
JOSEPH HOWLAND, Treasurer.

State of New-York, ss.—We, the Secretary of State, Comptroller, State Engineer and Surveyor, Attorney-General and Treasurer, having formed a Board of State Canvassers, and having canvassed and estimated the whole number of votes given for Representatives in Congress, at a General Election held in said State, on the sixth day of November, 1866, according to the certified statements of the said votes received by the Secretary of State, in the manner directed by law, do hereby determine, declare and certify that the following persons, respectively, by the greatest number of votes given in the several Congressional Districts of the State, were elected REPRESENTATIVES of

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NEW-YORK, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 26, 1866.

Amusements this Evening

NIBLO'S GARDEN.
Broadway, between Prince and Houston sts.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 7½ o'clock, an original and grand spectacular Drama, entitled THE BLACK CROOK.

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Broadway, near 8th-st.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 8 o'clock, Parisian Fancy Spectacle, CENDRILLON. Characters by Miss Eliza Newton, Mrs. W. Gomersal, Mrs. M. Wilkins, Miss S. Coe, Miss Alicia Maudsville, Miss S. A. Huckley, Miss Annie Yeamans, Mrs. H. Beand, &c.

WALLACK'S THEATRE,
Broadway, corner 13th-st.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 8 o'clock, "OURS." Characters by Messrs. Lester Wallack, John Gilbert, Charles Fisher, Miss Mary Gannon, Madeline Henriques, Fanny Morant, &c.

WINTER GARDEN.
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THIS EVENING, commencing at 8 o'clock, ITALIAN OPERA—UN BALLO IN MASCHERA.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

The news by Atlantic Telegraph is again brief, owing to a break in the lines east of Sackville, N. B. Capt. JUDKINS, of the *Scotia*, reports West winds and favorable weather on the passage to Liverpool. He estimates the run of the New-York yachts at sixteen days.

GENERAL NEWS.

In the Boston Municipal Court, on Monday, before Judge CHAMBERLAIN, warrants were issued against the proprietors of the Revere, Tremont and Parker Houses, and of Young's Hotel, for maintaining liquor nuisances. The prosecutor is GEORGE F. LEAROCK, and the motion was made in Court by Mr. N. C. RICHARDSON, Esq., who asked that the warrants be issued, inasmuch as the State Constables allowed liquor to be sold in the above hotels, and prosecuted the poor and middling classes. He appeared, he said, to defend those of the latter against whom complaints had been entered for selling liquor.

The Richmond papers state that the late order issued by Major-Gen. J. M. SCHOFIELD, directing the Freedmen's Bureau officers throughout the State of Virginia to take immediate possession of all horses and mules which belonged to the United States, found in the possession of private citizens, has been revoked. The order revoking it annuls any action which may have already taken place, and requires that all animals taken by Gen. SCHOFIELD's agents shall be restored to the parties who held them in possession.

The Governor of Virginia on Saturday pardoned H. BYRD LEWIS, recently sentenced by the Circuit Court of King George County to the Penitentiary for three years and six months for the killing of Dr. ROSZ. The Jury in rendering their verdict recommended the prisoner to clemency. The petition sent to the Governor for pardon was signed by all of the members of the Court, and a large number of the citizens of the Counties of Alexandria, King George, Spotsylvania and Caroline.

On Saturday morning as the Eastern train on the Shore Line from Providence, R. I., was about a mile from that city, the engineer discovered the body of a man lying between the rails. Owing to the icy state of the track the train ran about a mile before it could be stopped, when it was backed down, and it was found that the man was uninjured. He was dead drunk and the whole train passed over him without waking him from his stupor.

On Friday evening last as the train from Richmond reached Petersburgh a small boy jumped from the truck under a car, covered with frozen mud from head to foot. An inquiry revealed that he had slipped under the train when it started from Richmond, and getting upon the rod to which the brakes are attached had placed his arms through the truck, and in this position rode the whole distance.

The Troy *Whig* states that the measles has been raging in that city to an unprecedented extent for several weeks past, but the disease is now somewhat abating. One physician has been called in over three hundred cases, but has had the good fortune to lose only one or two patients. There have been nearly one thousand cases in Troy within a month.

The special election to fill the vacancies in the counties of Schoharie and Sullivan resulted in the election of the Democratic candidates without opposition—Hon. WM. S. CLARK in the former and Hon. D. G. STARR in the latter—leaving the political character of the body the same as before, 82 Union and 46 Democrats.

JOHN HARTLEY, of Elizabeth, N. J., was arrested at that place on Monday morning by a Government detective on a charge of passing some six or seven counterfeit $1 greenbacks. On being taken before Commissioner WHITEHEAD he acknowledged his guilt and was committed for trial.

On Monday evening a middle-aged man, of respectable appearance, who was on his way from California to his home in Maine, died in his seat, between New-Haven and Wallingford. Deceased was apparently in good health when he got aboard the train in New-Haven.

A letter from South Edmeston, Otsego County, to the Utica *Herald*, states that at 7 o'clock on Friday morning last the mercury in the thermometers at that place stood at 30 degrees below zero. This is colder by several degrees than has ever been known there before Christmas.

Hamilton and Hobart Colleges are having something of a dispute as to which institution can properly claim orange as their ribbon color—both colleges saying they adopted it first.

Lieut. WILSON, of the United States Cavalry Corps, and a son of Senator WILSON, of Massachusetts, died at Austin, Texas, on Monday morning.

LOCAL NEWS.

Christmas was more generally celebrated in this City yesterday than ever before. In all the Catholic and Episcopal churches, and also in many of other denominations, appropriate services were held. Many of the churches were beautifully decorated with ragrant evergreens and bouquets, mottoes and inscriptions. More than customary attention was paid to the proper rendering of the musical portions of the services. At all the public and private charitable institutions, including all the prisons, bountiful dinners were served out to all the inmates, and also to all pensioners. Business was entirely suspended, except in those shops where children's toys are offered for sale, and these were kept open simply to remind crusty bachelors or forgetful business men that they had neglected their duty to the rising generation.

The aggregate number of beef cattle at all the yards, for the weekly supply, amounts to 6,599. Prices have declined since last week, from 1c. to 2c. ℔ lb. The receipts exceed the requirements of the trade. Large numbers of cattle could not be sold even at low figures. A few extras brought 18c. ℔ lb., net weight. The cattle received as first quality, sold for 16c.@17c. ℔ lb., net weight. Those medium to good, 13c.@14½c. ℔ lb. The poorest quality, 9c.@11c. ℔ lb., net weight. The number of milch cows for the week is only 58. Trade is dull and sales slow. A very few were sold for over $100 each. Poor cows were sold for $40@$50. Common milkers for about $70@$75 ℔ head. The receipts of calves are very light for the weekly supply, numbering only 564. A few of the best were sold for 14c. ℔ lb., live, gross weight. Sheep and lambs are in heavy supply, and prices low, although a few extras were sold for 11c@12c. ℔ lb., live, gross weight. The general selling price is about 6c. ℔ lb. The number for the week is 34,061. The number of swine at all the yards for the week is 15,648. About 8,000 were in the yards unsold, at the close of the market. The best quality was selling at 6½c.@6¾c. ℔ lb., live, gross weight. Dressed, 7¾c.@8c. ℔ lb.

The Police and an Elective Judiciary.

The annual report of the Police Department is always valuable, as justifying by statistics what every intelligent citizen believes—the laxity of our Courts while Judges are chosen by general suffrage. Each year those faithful guardians of our public peace unveil the secret administration of justice in these City Courts. They prove that the criminal, if he belong to a powerful trade or a class influencing the elections, will in seventy-five cases out of a hundred, escape from fine or imprisonment. A hackman is as secure from conviction for insulting or cheating his passengers, as a Turkish Pashaw would be before a venal Oriental Court. A railway director stands before a Judge as fearlessly as once a Norman Baron would appear before an English Judge for ill-treating his Saxon tenants. In our temples of justice, it is not gold that weighs down the balances in favor of the offender, but political influence—the membership of a powerful clique or craft.

To punish a hackman for abusing the public, to arrest a junk-dealer for concealing stolen goods, to fine a railroad company for driving cars without a license, is something as remarkable in our Courts as would be the punishing of Princes of the blood, under aristocratic Governments, by vulgar Police Judges. In this respect the hackmen and junk-dealers may be said to be our aristocracy; holding the Courts themselves in awe and terror.

We learn from this report that Capt. BRACKETT entered 28,836 complaints against the various City Railways for running cars without license. If these complaints had been summarily dealt with by the Courts, (as they ought to have been,) the sum of $1,441,800 would have flowed into the City Treasury from these wealthy corporations; or more than half the expense for all our Public Schools—that is, the taxation on the general public would have been nearly a million and a half dollars less. Thus far not a penny has accrued.

The Police also entered complaints against 447 hackmen; of these, only an inconsiderable number paid the fine. Of all the persons apprehended for breaking City ordinances *seventy-five* per cent. escape before the Courts without punishment; and *not one in three* of all criminals before the four Police Courts, the Court of Special Sessions and the Court of General Sessions, are ever punished. Here is a striking little example of the "political influence" of a notorious robber. Capt. JEREMIAH PETTY's report says:

"JOHN GRIMES was arrested for robbing JOHN SULLIVAN on the pier foot of Duane-street of a gold watch and chain. SULLIVAN had been inveigled by GRIMES, while intoxicated, to the pier, and there robbed by GRIMES and another. I apprehended from the first that every effort of the prisoner's political friends would be brought to bear upon the authorities for the purpose of defeating the ends of justice. My apprehension was fully realized on the day of the trial. When the case was called the complainant (SULLIVAN) took the stand. After answering a few preliminary questions, Assistant District-Attorney BEDFORD asked: 'Who stole your watch and chain?' Witness—'I do not know.' Mr. BEDFORD—'Did the prisoner steal it?' Witness—'No, Sir.' Judge RUSSELL then charged the Jury, saying that there was nothing in the case, and they acquitted the prisoner."

We desire that our country friends and the members of the coming Legislature should consider these facts carefully. They come from the best informed and most unprejudiced source. The Police have no interest in the matter but the public good. A Judge should be a man of unblemished life, of well-balanced intellect, of incorruptible character and placed far above either the bribery of the rich or the party influence of the poor. He should dispense that on which all society rests—equal justice to all classes. He should not favor the powerful, nor too much pity the weak. The poor should feel that before the august tribunal of justice their rights are safe; and the rich should feel that their wealth should not expose them to prosecution. Neither gold nor political power should affect those even scales which weigh out exact justice.

To make a Judge elective, is to at once put him under the influence of a large part of the community, and probably the lowest part. The criminal who appears before him may be like the noble of the middle ages before a Court of justice, able to make and unmake the Judge. If a member of the powerful guild of hackmen or junk-dealers, or butchers, he might control votes enough in the next election to return or defeat the man who sits in judgment on him. It is not impossible that through his exertions already the Judge was elected. How is the great dispenser of justice to forget these things? He must be more than human to be able altogether to keep out of view the accused and his relations to himself. He must be affected by his interests and his political ambition. The inevitable effect is to debauch justice and degrade the Judges. It is notorious that there are few men on the Bench in New-York who are respected by the Bar, and very few who honestly guard the public welfare, or are above suspicion.

The annual impeachment made by the Police Board ought to be considered by our rural friends who will control the approaching Convention. An elective Judiciary is increasing crime in New-York and degrading the Courts. It is in itself most unreasonable; it is against the experience of the past; it has born a harvest of evils in this City. Why should it be continued? No intelligent lawyer in New-York, whether Democrat or Republican, believes it favorable to the public welfare. In the name of prudence and justice and good order, let it be utterly abolished.

Two Kinds of Reform.

It need not in the least detract from the favorable estimate which we have formed of Mr. BRIGHT's energy as an agitator, if we devote a word or two to a truth which the London Reform Trades meeting of Dec. 3 seems to make apparent. The meeting was professedly one of the organized trade societies of the metropolis, and was projected in accordance with Mr. BRIGHT's idea that all the power which artisans are able to use for industrial purposes should be used for political purposes as well. Fully expecting that the various trade societies would take the same view of the matter, he predicted a procession of 200,000 persons, and a day of great enthusiasm. Neither the one expectation nor the other was fulfilled. The procession appears to have numbered about 25,000, and beyond the fact that there was a great crowd of lookers-on, the excitement was of a very mild description. This result was due to some extent to minor causes, but the conclusion cannot be avoided that the heart of the laboring classes was not very strongly moved on the question of Reform.

We have repeatedly pointed out that the apathy of these classes on political subjects is greater than some would have it appear. The difficulties under which they live are unconnected with the suffrage, as they know very well. Every English mechanic of any intelligence knows that full work and high wages are not to be controlled by any legislation whatever. The working classes of England are, without doubt, always studying the relations of capital and labor, for those relations are what control their condition, and enter into every circumstance of their hard-working lives. But with these things changes in the representation have nothing to do. In fact, the course of British legislation having been toward the fostering of British trade, and successfully so, the masses are generally disposed to content themselves with political affairs as they are. In fact, the British workman is not, in the main, discontented with his rulers, for he knows that were he to take their place, he could not remove evils that are inevitable. As for sensation writers, who abuse everybody who does not believe in them, and who affirm that England "groans" under its aristocratic system, they may be dismissed with the statement of a fact well understood by well-informed persons—Englishmen are *not* weary of their aristocracy, but, on the contrary, look to that aristocracy with great respect, and recognize its general influence in preserving the status of the nation among other nations with much gratification. The preservation of the "ancient honor of the family" is, as most even of the poorest classes understand it, a sort of sacred obligation with the majority of the titled gentlemen, whose names are reminders of many old historic epochs—epochs not less interesting to ourselves than to other peoples; nay, epochs in which our own ancestry bore an honorable part, and in this sense are a guarantee of the stability and the respectability of the nation itself.

The political movements, in short, which from time to time are rife in England, are not to be judged by an American standard. In that country much that with us is a constant subject of debate, is settled and accepted. The course of parties does not run there as does the course of parties with ourselves. There the masses understand, and are proud to understand, that the general forms of government are fixed and, humanly speaking, immutable, and that there are limits even to political vagaries. We, who are forever patching, or seeking to patch, the holes which we ourselves have made in the structure, which we have reared with so much labor, and love so well, cannot understand that another nation will stand firm around a social edifice formed upon a different model. But the truth is the truth nevertheless. The difficulties under which labor in England suffers are nowise concerned in these matters, and the trade societies which did not parade at Mr. BRIGHT's bidding knew it. The problem which they have to solve is a different one from that which he has undertaken to solve. They intend to combine not for the election of members of Parliament, but for the establishment of industrial enterprises of their own. They are more bent upon realizing that labor is capital than upon the possession of a franchise which would be of comparatively little use to them. They turned out to see the show of December the 3d as people will turn out to see any show. But when all was over they returned home with mingled feelings. Prominent was, of course, that of respect for Mr. BRIGHT, who *is* respected even by his enemies; but as prominent was the other feeling, that votes were very well but victuals were better, and that the elevation of the British workingman must depend upon the union of industry and skill, to be guided by his own brains, and to enure to his own benefit.

TAX ON NATIONAL BANK SHARES.—The questions argued in the Supreme Court of the United States at Washington, last week, involved the validity of the taxes for the current year on shares of National Banking Associations. It was claimed on the part of the banks that the assessments were void, on the ground that, in valuing the shares, they had been assessed at a higher rate than "other moneyed capital," such as the stocks and shares of insurance and other companies having their capitals, like those of the National Banks, invested wholly or in part in United States securities, exempt by law from taxation. It was also argued that the shares of National Banks could not be taxed without making a deduction, in assessing their value, for so much of the capital as might be invested in such securities. On the latter point a majority of the Court, at its last term, expressed an opinion adverse to such claim of the shareholders; but as the actual decision was put on other grounds, the point was deemed open for re-argument in the cases now before the Court.

It is supposed that the Court will render its decision by or before the 15th January next, at which time the tax officers will have the power of making a levy to enforce payment of the taxes in case the assessment is not meantime vacated by the judgment of the Supreme Court of the United States.

The Holiday Season.

Of all seasons of the year in which our comfortable classes should remember the needy and unbefriended and houseless, this is peculiarly the one.

The festival of yesterday, which is always so delightful to our families, gathering at the genial board those long-separated and absent, and making glad the hearts of the little ones, is often the severest time of the whole year to the poorest classes.

The great enemy of the poor—the cold—attacks at every crevice of their ill-jointed cabins, or boldly enters their damp cellars, gradually laying its icy touch on life itself. The little bare feet which did not mind the cold in a more genial season, now hesitate to tread the snowy streets, and the food begged by the children begins to fail in the household—many of the street trades come to an end with the snow, and thousands of children supporting themselves on them, are thrown out of employment. The rags which were a sufficient defence from the gales of Autumn, are no protection now from the cold storms of Winter. Poverty dreads, above all things, the Winter. Then at this season, great numbers of men and women, boys and girls are thrown out of employment by the closing of factories and the stoppage of certain trades. Many have saved but little; they must either borrow the means of support, or live, half starved, on the charity of others.

This too is the especial time of temptation to great multitudes. Hunger stares numbers in the face, and they are found besetting the various charities for aid and support. So that to large classes in this City our great Christian Feast is by no means a happy occasion.

The exceedingly high prices of provisions and clothing, the extreme rate of house-rent, together with the slackness of work, are pressing hard on the lowest laboring class, and great suffering has already begun. This will undoubtedly increase till the coming of Spring.

But from the earliest Christian ages it has been a beautiful custom of the fortunate classes to signalize the great religious festival of the year by extraordinary gifts of bounty and charity. No hungry faces were allowed to be seen around the baron's hall, or the monk's open doors, or the citizen's gate. For one day, at least, the poor widow was not to complain of cold, or the orphans of hunger, or the beggar of neglect, or the sick of desertion. The happy associations of the great birthday were to be carried by force to the unfortunate and needy.

Modern times have continued this pleasant custom of benefaction. Yesterday, we doubt not, the faces of thousands of the poor of New-York were made happy with the good fare provided by the generosity of the charitable. At all the missions, the industrial schools, the lodging-houses for homeless girls and boys, at the almshouses and asylums and refuges, even in the jails and prisons, the bounty of others, as in former years, heaped the tables of the outcast with good things. Shoes were put on the bare feet of children, garments on the half clad, bedding was given to the destitute, food to the hungry, and shelter to the houseless. It is always a day of benefaction. The rich pour out their gifts on the poor; the well-off on the destitute; the fortunate on the unfortunate.

Those of our citizens who can, should, during the holiday week, seek out the families whom they know, that are honest but needy, and give the flavor of personal sympathies to their charities. A gift with a kind word is a blessing felt by the poor for the whole year. Others who cannot do this, and who fear to do as much injury as good by their indiscriminate charities, should seek out the great public almoners, our benevolent societies, who have reduced charity almost to a science, and probably seldom err on the side of too much generosity.

Nautical Schools.

It may be safely said that the marine disasters which we have been so frequently compelled to record of late are mainly due to a want of seamanship—by which we mean that quality which results from a practical knowledge of the proper method of managing a vessel in all sorts of weather. Seamanship is as essentially requisite in the commander of an ocean steamer as of a first-class sailing vessel, and no perfection in propelling power will make up for its absence. As we hear complaints of the lack of sailors from all sides it becomes necessary to open some new avenue of supply, which can best be done by educating boys to follow the sea, if we wish to increase the number of intelligent seamen. The State of New-York now makes a liberal allowance for the support of her schools, and why should not a nautical school be established?

The last war has taught us that a course of military instruction might advantageously be added to our present system of school instruction, and even induced serious thought on the subject of establishing a State military school. There are hundreds of the boys of our large cities who long for a sea life; and why should there not, then, be a nautical school, maintained by the State, where these lads might be instructed in seamanship, navigation, steam and book-keeping? The very restlessness and love of adventure which now lead so many boys into crime could be thus taken advantage of and utilized to their benefit and that of the State.

Again, a nautical reformatory school might be established in this State with very beneficial results, and we find such men as Commander S. B. LUCE, of the Naval Academy, strongly advocating this measure, quoting the example of the State of Massachusetts in this particular.

In their sixth annual report the trustees of the Massachusetts Reform School "congratulate the friends of the institution that it has passed another year of general prosperity and extended usefulness. It has," they say, "succeeded in its main purpose of providing a refuge where juvenile offenders may be reclaimed and its secondary object of furnishing to our mercantile marine a class of American seamen fitted by education for a sailor's life. It has justified the hopes of its founders, who foresaw that the love of adventure and the overflow of animal spirits which lead boys into trouble on land would, with proper care, insure their success at sea."

So great has been the success of this enterprise in Massachusetts, that a second ship has been put in commission for the purpose of carrying out this system of reform. The *Barnard* and the *Massachusetts*—the vessels alluded to—are full-rigged ships of about 900 tons burden. Between decks they are fitted up as schoolrooms, capable of seating eighty scholars. Forward of the schoolroom are the berth-deck, place for sleeping and the messroom. The boys are divided into two watches, which alternate between the instruction of the schoolroom and practical instruction in the duties pertaining to a ship. It is expected that each boy, before being discharged, will have acquired a fair knowledge of reading, writing and arithmetic. The following is the routine of duties: At daylight the drum beats the reveille, on which the boys turn out, lash up and stow their hammocks, according to the prescribed routine; then follow breakfast, school and the exercises according to the programme. They are piped down all the year round soon after dark. As the boys receive an abundance of wholesome fare, and the ships are well ventilated, they are all in very good health. Although at present a sufficiently large portion of the boys educated at these schools do not follow the sea, this can be readily remedied by proper selection. No boy should be thus educated unless he is physically sound, and shows some preference to sea life.

New-York State has several institutions for the correction of youthful criminals, from which a sufficient number could be selected with which to commence the experiment. We understand that it is proposed by Commander LUCE, Brig.-Gen. E. L. MOLINEUX, and others interested in this matter, to bring this subject before the Chamber of Commerce at an early day. It is estimated that not far from 2,000 boys are annually sent West from this City, and it is from these that we propose to recruit our merchant service. It is of the highest importance that the waifs and strays of our large cities should learn to govern themselves, and thus ultimately become good citizens; while by giving them a definite employment, at which they can earn an honest living, we take away from them one of the chief incentives to crime. We hope, ere long, to see some decided action taken on this subject by the citizens of this City and State.

POLITICAL PARTIES IN SAXONY.—The relation of Saxony to Prussia and the North German Confederacy, as shaped by the late treaty of peace, the position of parties in the diminutive Kingdom is of some international importance and merits the attention of those who follow the development of affairs in Germany. With respect to this matter, the recent debates in the lower Chamber of Deputies at Dresden, have very clearly defined the differences of opinion. There was but a small party who saw in the policy of Prussia and in the success of its arms the commencement of a new grand era for Germany, and an important step toward the complete political unification of the nation. The large majority of the Deputies was divided into two factions, both hostile to the new order of things, but the one accepting the situation as a matter of necessity, deploring the shortsightedness of Prussia in pushing its relentless arm of power foremost in everything, without attempting even to conciliate the hearts of the Saxon people; they further declare that the fortifications around Desden, garrisoned as they are by Prussian soldiers, are not intended for defence against a foreign enemy, but rather as a bold menace against the City of Dresden and the King of Saxony. The other faction of the majority has spoken out openly that, though some "cry peace, peace, there is no peace" in reality but only on paper, &c. Indeed, the belief seems to become more and more general, that things cannot remain long as they are, and that war, more bloody, but also more decisive, will soon again break out.

GEORGIA.

Public Opinion vs. the Southern Recorder—What is Thought of Mr. Julian's Territorial Bill—Political Parties at the South—Southern Loyalists—The Legislature—Cotton, &c.

From Our Own Correspondent.

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I do not know how far the Editor of the *Southern Recorder* imagines he represents and expresses public opinion in the article copied in the TIMES of the 12th inst, but I do know that when he thinks the "drawing revolvers and appealing to the sword" business should commence he will find that he will have, as the euchre players say, to "go it alone." The idea of armed resistance by a people without arms, ammunition or money to buy them, against the army and navy of the United States, may be entertained in a lunatic asylum, but certainly not by a people like the people of Georgia, who are justly famed for their hard, practical sense. The expression of such a threat can only serve as a pretext for the misrepresentations of Southern sentiment, embitter Northern animosity, justify the extreme measures of the Radicals, and aggravate illimitably the sufferings and misfortunes of the people of this section. What both old and young want is peace. They do not intend to have anything to do with either revolvers or swords, further than to turn them into plowshares and reapers of the newest and most approved patent. The opposition to the Constitutional Amendment was almost universal, but nine-tenths of it were confined to the third section and that on a question of honor, which those who approve the Amendment may condemn as impolitic, but which they cannot condemn as any evidence of a rebellious or turbulent spirit. The feeling that Congress is treating these States unjustly, accusing them of many things of which they are entirely innocent and giving them no credit for their honest submission to authority and law, is universal. There is no exception. But nobody believes that armed resistance is a practicable or a desirable mode of redressing grievances. I reiterate the assertion because I know I am right, that rebellion, opposition to law, refusal to acknowledge the authority of the United States, are no more to be found in Georgia than in New-York or Ohio, and that however individuals here and there may indulge in splenetic and passionate utterances, the people are peaceably inclined and are desirous to prove by their acts the justice and truth of the assertions of the few friends at the North who have ventured to stand between them and ruin.

The proposed legislation by which all the excluded States are to be reduced to Territories fills every mind with horror and alarm. If carried into execution by the two-thirds majority of Congress, anarchy vastly more terrible than a state of war must be the result. The immediate effect would be to give the political control of the States to the negroes, to disfranchise ninety-nine out of every hundred of the population, and inaugurate an antagonism of races which no force of arms could prevent or subdue. As a means of coercion it will be ineffective. It can only intensify animosity and prevent the material improvement which is so necessary to the North as well as the South, by immeasurably increasing the public burdens, and destroying a vast portion of the means by which they are to be discharged. The moment such a state of things is established and all hope of escape is gone, every one who can command the means will leave the country, and in the van of the refugees from a negro Government will be those who opposed secession and the war. It may be said by those who advocate terror as the best means of conciliation, that nothing short of this wholesale punishment of millions of men is adequate to the great crime of their rebellion. But is it not attempting to do what BURKE declared to be impossible—preparing an indictment against a nation?

Nobody can be optimist enough to suppose that all existing governments, laws, magistrates, legislators and constituencies, can be wiped out in a moment, and a new system—the most obnoxious and oppressive—substituted for them without producing the most calamitous results, in which the people whom it is designed to punish will not be the only, nor yet the greatest, sufferers.

Take, for example, this great State of Georgia. By the last census her population was 595,097 whites and 462,230 blacks, or a total of 1,057,327. The voting population is somewhere between 100,000 and 120,000. She cast 106,365 votes at the Presidential election of 1860. Under the proposed law disfranchising all who bore arms against the United States, or gave aid and comfort to the enemies of the Union, it is no exaggeration to estimate that not 5,000 out of the 120,000 could take the oath and qualify as voters. Therefore, under the Territorial system, the Government of the State would be immediately transferred to the 5,000 whites and the 80,000 or 90,000 male negroes who have attained the required age. It must be remembered that the entire male population between the ages of 17 and 55 served in the Confederate army, and that the number of Georgia soldiers in the field exceeded largely its voting population. The negro voters would outnumber the whites eight or nine to one; they would necessarily constitute the political power, and he who expects that they would exercise it intelligently or wisely, or that the six hundred thousand white men, women and children would submit patiently and uncomplainingly to the rule of their slaves of yesterday, must possess an amount of credulity which entitles him to a pedestal at the Paris Exhibition as the most wonderfully constituted creature in the heavens above or the earth beneath or the waters under the earth.

And what would become of the agriculture and industry of the "Territories." Would the political rulers come back from the polls, the legislative halls and the magisterial bench to hoe and plow the corn and cotton of their white inferiors, or would the whites reverse the domestic relation and become the servants of their former slaves? Imagine this half million of more than semi-barbarous negroes let loose as the governing power, and what becomes of the security to life, property and female honor thus placed at the mercy of the savage? Is it possible to conceive of a more terrible pandemonium? Were not the punishments of ALVA and of HAYNAU clemency itself compared with such a fate? No; before such a law is enacted, let a decree of banishment be issued giving all who participated in the rebellion or gave aid and comfort to the enemies of the United States time to leave the country. A besieging army of a civilized country always gives time to women, children and non-combatants to leave before fire is opened, and no less humanity should be shown to this unarmed people before they are delivered over to horrors which no sacked city has ever exhibited.

Popular apprehension, keen and painful though it be, cannot contemplate as possible the adoption of such a law by a majority of Congress, or with the sanction of the Northern people. A hard fate is expected. Nobody looks for kindness or good will, but it is deemed impossible that two-thirds of Congress, representing a Christian, enlightended, free and sensible people, can deliberately contrive and execute a scheme of punishment almost amounting to extermination, and which must necessarily reduce to a desert the most productive portion of the Union in which every citizen has an interest. But though this is what everybody says who has read Mr. JULIAN's bill, were Dr. CUMMINGS' prophecy of the destruction of the world certainly to be fulfilled this Winter, all plans and arrangements for the future could not be more completely arrested, except in the gathering together as much available property as possible to be able to flee from the wrath to come. Look at the advertising columns of the papers and see the number of plantations in every county of the State, with all the stock and provisions, which are offered for sale at less than a fourth of their value were peace established. Visit the marts of commerce and see the stagnation and hopelessness which are to be found there. Look at the closed factories, the untenanted mills, and the half finished enterprises arrested as if by the presence of a plague. See, what never was seen before in the South, crowds of people famishing for want of bread. Hear the gloomy forebodings of the people, who have almost ceased to hope, and then decide whether further punishment, and such punishment as is designed by Mr. JULIAN, is justifiable, politic or humane.

And will such a plan of reconstruction conduce to the happiness, comfort and advancement of the negroes? Can any honest man believe that the millions of black men who have just emerged from bondage, wholly uneducated, ignorant of everything that is requisite for social peace and material development, can by a legislative fiat become the safe custodians of political power? Are they supposed to be sufficiently enlightened to manage their own affairs, much less those of the white race, or is it expected that Mr. JULIAN's magic touch will metamorphose their habits, nature and instincts, and endow them with intelligence, morality, industry and civilization, and supply them with the knowledge and experience essential to the exercise of government? Jamaica, Hayti and San Domingo give an answer, but not one of encouragement.

Before Congress adopts a measure so extreme as the territorial scheme, would it not be well, even on the theory of conquerer dealing with subjects, to define the terms upon which the question of reconstruction can be finally readjusted, and distinctly set forth the alternative in case those terms are refused. Let it be distinctly and unequivocally announced on authority what the South must do before she can be admitted to equal membership in the family of States, and what the conquering power will do in case she declines to comply with the requisition. Let every Southern man know positively that "this in a moment brings me to an end," (JULIAN's Territorial Bill,) and "this informs me I shall never die," (terms of reconstruction.) It may have been the intention of the authors of the Constitutional Amendment that it should be considered an *ultimatum*, but it was not so understood, nor has it yet been authoritatively declared to be the *sine qua non* of restoration. A joint resolution of Congress would define the position of both parties, and there would be no longer room for misunderstanding or doubt.

I wish that I could convince the Northern mind that the people of these States are peaceable, law-abiding and loyal to the Government. I wish that I could remonstrate against the cruel injustice which is done by those who represent them as rebellious, turbulent and lawless; and, above all things, I would wish to convince the North how much better, wiser and more effective are kindness, forbearance and generosity than the harsh words and deeds of a ruthless and vindictive conqueror.

It is not political power that the South seeks. It is not so much the restoration of her representation in the national legislature which she desires, as it is peace and the stability which is essential to prosperity. Security for life and property, well-ordered society, a settled future, are far more anxiously desired than political power. Besides it is a mistake to suppose that the South, if restored to-morrow to all her rights and privileges, would necessarily be in antagonism to the North, and that it is therefore requisite to react guarantees so as to render this sectional opposition as harmless as possible. The Democratic Party is not half as much idolized at the South as Northern publicists suppose. The old Whig Party numbers many, very many men of influence and prominence, who, even in the cataclysm which has befallen the whole country, have not forgotten the old party feuds, nor felt any inclination to ask admission within the Democratic pale.

The attempt to form the nucleus of a political party at the South which will act in alliance with the Republican Party at the North, by giving a galvanized existence to what are called the "Southern loyalists," must prove a failure. They are too few numerically. They are for the most part characterless, adventurous, either wholly unknown in the States from which they pretend to hail, or if they are known they are objects of universal distrust and aversion. What party can such men build up? What influence can they exercise? Not one in two is a resident of the State he claims to represent, nor does he ever intend to visit it except in the event that Mr. JULIAN's policy prevails, and in the rear of the United States army. These men are political Jeremy Diddlers, whose sole aim is to secure the "tenpenny price," and they will only prove a burden to whatever party is indiscreet enough to shoulder them. Many of them, to my own knowledge, were ardent secessionists so long as they could hope for Confederate employment, and only became loyal when they were convinced that their services were not required. Mr. N. S. MOSES, of Bridgeport, Conn., (a self-elected representative of Georgia,) is an example. He came South in 1861 or 1862, saying that his office had been destroyed by a mob on account of his devotion to Southern interests. Southern men advanced him money to purchase an interest in the Augusta *Chronicle & Sentinel*, which he edited until after the surrender. For two years he was the fulsome eulogist of the Confederate Government, the most uncompromising of Secessionists, the most earnest advocate of the die-in-the-last-ditch policy, and more Southern and more pro-slavery than WIGFALL or RHETT. When Mr. JOSEPH E. BROWN commenced opposition to the Confederate Government, MOSES was his organ, and he played the loudest music, denouncing Mr. DAVIS and "the Yankees" with equally melodious effort. He is now one of the Southern loyalists, and claims to represent Georgia! *Ex uno disce omnes.*

The Legislature before adjournment passed the Stay Law over the Governor's veto. Unless the Supreme Court declare it unconstitutional, under this law no creditor can collect his debt by levy of execution until after the 1st of January, 1870. The proposed extension of the provisions of what is known as the Homestead Law, which defines the amount of property which the head of a family can hold exempt from execution for debt, was vetoed by the Governor, and the veto was sustained by the Senate. Several of the bills giving aid to railroads were also returned by the Governor, and the friends of those enterprises could not command a force to override the Executive veto. Mr. BUTLER's proposition to send a committee to Washington to confer with the Government

LONDON CHARITIES—NO. II.

The Field-Lane Meeting—Cabmen's Club—Dust-Sifting Women—Home for Fallen Women—The Midnight Meeting Movement.

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The Jews had a saying that he who planted a tree had not lived in vain. Much more may this be said of one who has planted a useful thought in vacant minds, or produced a feeling of virtuous delight in those who had hitherto been incapable of it. To make a thoughtless man thoughtful, an ignorant mind intelligent, the thriftless thrifty, the unkind kind and beneficent, and to give outcasts homes and domestic comforts, to ragged children clothing, to the unoccupied a business, and to the sick and dying alleviation and hope, is certainly a greater and more honorable achievement than planting trees or caring for animals.

This higher glory belongs to not a few in this overcrowded and suffering City of London. They and their institutions are the brightest gem in the diadem of England. That is the most prosperous country, MALTHUS says, which confers the most happiness on the greatest number of people. In spite of defects in the social system of England, it must be ap ken to the praise of its people that so much is done to alleviate its depressed and suffering classes. Because this work is done for the most part by men of earnest Christian piety, it is spoken of sneeringly in certain quarters as fanaticism, Exeter Hall philanthropy, or as Eutopian and impracticable. It is meddling with others' rights, in the estimation of some, to attempt to relieve the slave of his chains, to withdraw the drunkard from his cups, or to disburden society of its vices and its ignorance. "Haven't I as good a right to be drunk as you to be sober? Would you deprive me of my right to train my own children as I please? Why interfere with me more than I with you? All we ask is to be let alone, and we will let you alone." Such is the logic which all reforms have to encounter, and such the arguments which Socrates, Plato, and even the Son of God himself had to encounter, in their attempts to change the ideas and practices of mankind.

But my purpose is not to vindicate, but record, the facts of reform now transpiring in London.

THE FIELD-LANE MEETING,

held Nov. 16, 1866, made up of the active workers in this great field of charity, will give a *camera-obscura* view of the whole movement. Fifteen hundred of the representatives of the great work, in its infinite variety of forms, is a rare assemblage. It is the forlorn hope to lead the forces of charity throughout the world, in its onset upon ignorance, depravity and misery. Among them are the friends of the orphan, the widow, the harlot, the outcast, the ragged, the crippled, the idiotic, the insane, the street-wanderer, the cabman, the shoe-black, the ash-sifters, the infants of laboring mothers, the seduced with their infant charge, and of the wrecks and fragments of humanity in every imaginable shape and form. The givers and workers are both on hand, though the latter greatly preponderate, at least in the present meeting. They have more muscle than money, more hand and heart for their work than of honorable position and social influence. Their right honorable and right reverend patrons are not here, though represented by middle-class intellect and position. Those present are the men and women that do good for the love of it, under the impulse of high Christian principle. They are addressed by Rev. Mr. VAN METER, of the Howard Mission, New-York, after being duly served with tea—that great concomitant of English charity—and what with the stimulus of the tea and the oratory of the speaker, the assembly was excited to various demonstrations of noisy approval. Mr. VAN METER acquitted himself to the satisfaction of all, and charity for once may be said to have had a hearing. The building itself in which the meeting was held was the work of charity. It is a spacious structure, many stories high, having a night-refuge for the homeless, male and female. Bible schools, special service for parents, day and infant schools, elder boys' evening school, refuge men and boys' class, penny bank, boys' industrial classes, mothers' classes, girls' industrial classes, girls' night school, ragged church service, and how many more appendages I know not, all looking to the same object—the improvement of the dregs of London society.

The rooms are formed to suit these several services. The chapel for the ragged church service includes the whole of the uppermost story, and though roughly constructed, it is spacious, airy, well-lighted, and on the whole is well suited for the purpose to which it is devoted. The great objection to it is the difficulty of reaching it through so many intricate stairways. In this room the meeting in question was held, and here the Sabbath services call together, from week to week, a mass of ragged and filthy humanity which is scarcely presentable in the ordinary chapels or churches of the city. The chaplain informed me that among the ragged attendants on his ministry were occasionally decayed gentlemen, who had thrown away the advantages of liberal learning, social position and great wealth upon a career of vice and crime. In no place out of London are so many of this class probably to be found. One of their number thanked God on his death-bed that poverty had driven him to the ragged chapel. In America, this term "ragged," as applied to school or chapel, would be an effectual barrier to the attendance of almost any class of our people. But where rank is so well settled as in England, the lowest seem to be as free to accept and acknowledge their position as the highest.

Chapels and schools of this character have but an irregular attendance, and though always full, not a few are there for the first and only time. Lord SHAFTSBURY informed me that owing to this fact the teachers made it a point on every occasion to instruct those present in such simple matters as that there is a God, that they have immortal souls, that they are in a sinful and lost condition, that Christ died to save them, that they must repent and reform their lives in order to be saved—truths of which they are as ignorant as heathens, and which they might never learn if allowed to go away uninformed on the subject. Others are regular in their attendance, and much is done for their elevation in character and condition. The number attendant upon all these religious educational services is said to amount to more than a hundred thousand. The Queen is credited with a £50 contribution to the enterprise in a single year, and the Royal favor seems to be a sort of sunshine to those engaged in it.

CABMEN'S CLUB.

There are in London 8,000 or 10,000 cabmen, and 4,000 or 5,000 omnibus drivers, representing in all a population of 60,000. Of these 10,000 cabmen, 1,300 are said to drive their own teams, while the others hire them of capitalists, paying them the lion's share and accepting for themselves a meagre and starving pittance. Even those who own their horses and cabs work at a disadvantage, paying retail prices for horse keeping and carriage room, while the capitalists provide for theirs by wholesale, and thus do it at a much cheaper rate. The cabmen, necessary as they are to the social life of London, lead a precarious and miserable life, now abounding and now in want, deprived by their constant out-door engagements of family comforts, settled homes, secular and religious instruction, of reading and of other means of moral and social elevation. Hence they are a most depressed and miserable class, destitute of confidence in each other, and without the mutual respect among themselves which is necessary to concerted measures for their own improvement in character and condition. A few benevolent persons took pity on them, and began to do something for their elevation some eight years ago, by assembling them in the mews or stables, giving them instruction, and devising various measures for their alleviation. The result was the formation of Cabmen's Clubs, with one of which, held on Bell-street, I have become somewhat acquainted. Lord SHAFTSBURY was present at its formation, and addressed to them some judicious truths, which were received with much *éclat*, after which they were, to the number of 300, entertained at supper. Mr. BENNETT, a shrewd, Yankee sort of man in his management, presides over the movement and keeps the Club-house, in which they are provided with books, meals, and other means of comfort and instruction. A registry is kept for unemployed cabmen, and a fund provided out of which they and their families receive a stipend in case of necessity from lack of employment, sickness or death. The result is a marked improvement among them. Each member of the Club pays a certain amount of his wages weekly into the general fund, and Sunday evening meetings are held for instruction and worship.

INFANT NURSERY, OR HOME FOR BABIES.

This is an institution to take care of the infants of working mothers during the hours of employment. The mothers, before going to work in the morning, bring their infants to the home, and by paying two or three pence a day have them duly cared for until their return at evening, running in, perhaps, once or twice in the course of the day to supply them with nature's aliment. One room is filled with cradles, from which the dear little unfortunates smile as sweetly as if in a King's palace, all unconscious of the poverty and misery to which they are born. In another room are tiers of elevated seats, of hard boards, one above another, in which infants of two or three years old are instructed or amused.

The extent of business done by the nursery I visited (there are probably many more in London) may be judged of from the fact that it received last year 3,212 infants, being an increase on previous years. The total expense of keeping them is about $200, of which the mothers pay $150 and the rest is given in charity. When it is considered that these poor women work for only fifteen or twenty pence a day, the wonder is how they contrive to pay so much and yet keep soul and body together. Sad, indeed, is the condition of these poor mothers, nor can anything better be hoped for the children to which they give birth. So rigorous are the laws of caste in this overcrowded Island that scarcely one in a thousand, descended from these lowest walks of society, can be expected to rise to a more elevated condition. They are born to stolidity and hopelessness, and even the aspirations so natural to the human mind seem to have been overborne and crushed by ages of labor and destitution. They are scarcely capable of imagining anything better for themselves, any more than slaves whose bondage is chronic and hopeless.

DUST-SIFTING WOMEN.

The readers of this article will perceive that my purpose is not to deal with those forms of charity or of destitution with which they have been made familiar by previous writers, but rather with those which are little or at all known in America. The ash-sifters are not charity women, but are made up of those fag ends of female social life to whom any calling is acceptable that keeps them from the poor-house, however degraded and abhorrent. The ashes and garbage of the city are farmed out to contractors at a price, and they make their money by carting it into an open space of one or two hundred feet square and employing women to sift the filthy accumulation, selling the best portion of it to brickmakers and gathering the garbage for paper-making or other purposes, to increase their profits. The yard I visited employs over a hundred women, who, with their sifters, are arranged in rows, sitting literally in ash heaps, covered with rags and filth, to make them appear as much like negroes as white people. I supposed that I had seen in New-Orleans the lowest specimens of female degradation, in the slave women employed in digging and conveying in wheel-barrows over the levee the *batteur* or mud deposited by the Mississippi, for brick-making; but the spectacle in this yard revealed to me a still lower depth. True, these dust-sifter are not sold in the shambles, but every vestige of womanly self-respect is quenched in them by their condition and occupation, insomuch that I was assured that they were harder drinkers than the men, were terrible fighters among themselves, and a person of the neighborhood told me that in the Summer, when they were more out of doors, it was hardly safe to live near them. They are paid fourteen pence a day, with the privilege of gleaning what coal they can from the ashes for their own fires, a miserable pittance considering the cost of living and the out-door exposure of their occupation among the garbage of London, and in the cold of Winter. The brotherhood of mankind sounds well on paper and in the harangues of pulpit and platform, but what of the sisterhood, doomed to such a life as this?

The London charities are attempting alleviation, but in this and a thousand similar cases what can be done? Sympathy is mockery and tears hypocrisy, apart from radical reforms in the social system. They are as much needed in England as in any Slave community of the world. God has not enriched this earth with his gifts to be monopolized by the few at the expense of the many. There is something wrong in the structure of society as well as in personal character, or so many would not thus be despoiled of manhood's prerogatives, so many of all that imparts dignity, beauty, and loveliness to the female character.

HOME FOR FALLEN WOMEN AND THE MIDNIGHT-MEETING MOVEMENT.

A lady of an energetic, sympathizing character, was appealed to by a fallen girl for protection in behalf of herself and her illegitimate child, and though without means of her own, she accepted the trust. Others in like condition followed, charitable persons lent their assistance, and the result is, a house is kept by the lady for girls of this character, with their infants, to which hundreds have already been received. Many have been restored to a virtuous life, their illegitimate offspring have been provided for, and great good has been done and is doing on a still wider and wider scale.

The midnight-meeting movement is a kindred enterprise, having reference to fallen women in general, and not only those who have become mothers. More than twenty of these meetings, held in the different parts of London, have been addressed by some of the principal men in England. The plan is to gather into them at midnight as many street-walkers as possible, and by kindness, persuasion, appeals to their consciences and to their home-memories, to offer them a home and every facility for changing their course in life. These efforts have been some time in progress, and though distrusted and derided at first, in large numbers have been recovered. Three hundred were provided for last year, and the total number of reclamations has been at least one thousand. Many of them are married and doing well, others are situated in good families, having proved by a long course of good conduct how radical the change is in their habits. P.

POLITICAL ITEMS.

Hon. JOHN DAWSON has been elected Mayor of Wilmington, N. C., by 95 majority. The Hartford (Conn.) *Press* states that Mr. DAWSON, who "held that office before and during the war, having been originally elected as much on personal as partisan grounds, never inclined to secessionism, and when Gen. TERRY and a portion of the Tenth Corps entered Wilmington, Feb. 22, 1865, Mr. DAWSON promptly recognized and cheerfully submitted to the Federal authority, took the oath, and gave very valuable advice and assistance in governing the badly disturbed district. So at the first election thereafter, a Mr. VAN BOKELEN, a native of New-York, but one of the only two citizens of Wilmington who refused to take the oath, was elected Mayor, and the best offices given to rebel soldiers. Mr. DAWSON has now been restored to his former honors, and is a sensible, shrewd business man, and a very useful citizen."

The city charter of Charlestown, Mass., provides that nine Aldermen shall be chosen on a general ticket, three to be selected from each ward. At the recent election, O. H. P. SMITH, of Ward No. 3, had 1,796 votes, and H. P. DUNNELS, of Ward No. 1, 1,795. The question arose who should receive the certificate, whether the candidate having the most votes, without reference to the ward in which he resided, or his competitor residing in Ward No. 1. The city clerk decided that by the language of the charter each ward was entitled to three Aldermen, and therefore Mr. DUNNELS, of Ward No. 1, must receive the certificate of election, although he obtained one less vote than Mr. SMITH.

The Sacramento *Union* gives the following list of aspirants to high political positions in and from California:

United States Senate—A. A. Sargent, F. F. Low, John Conness, J. B. Felton.

Congress—Northern District—C. Hartson, W. H. Parks, L. E. Pratt, L. M. Foulke, William G. Morris. Middle District—William Higby. Southern District—W. J. Knox, W. E. Lovett, Harvey S. Brown, J. S. Wallis.

Governor—John Bidwell, T. N. Machin, C. T. Meader, George C. Gorham, F. M. Pixley, J. H. Jewett, D. C. McRuer.

The Frankfort (Ky.) *Commonwealth* mentions JOHN A. PRALL, Esq., of Bourbon, as a candidate for the United States Senate, and says: "We know he is a Union man, true and tried; and should he be the choice of the Union Party, and receive the nomination of the Union members of the Legislature—and they can nominate no more worthy man—it will be a source of gratification to us. There is no better man in Kentucky."

At the recent special election in the Georgia Seventh District, for member of Congress, *vice* WM. T. WOFFORD, resigned, a light vote was thrown, and many in places, it is stated, the polls were not opened at all. There were, however, four candidates voted for, and the returns, so far as received, indicate the election of Col. F. H. LITTLE, of Gordon, although Dr. JAMES P. HAMBLETON, of Fulton, claims the election.

Republican Conventions are to be held in New Hampshire as follows: State Convention at Concord, Jan. 8; First Congressional District at Dover and Second District at Manchester, Dec. 27; Third District at West Lebanon, Jan. 9.

While there are 27,526 names on the checklists of Boston, there were only 10,465 votes cast at the recent municipal election. In some of the richer wards, not 30 per cent. of the registered vote was thrown.

The special election held in Schoharie County, last Tuesday, to fill the vacancy in the Assembly, caused by the death of Hon. DANIEL SHAFER, resulted in the unanimous election of WM. S. CLARK, Esq., the Democratic nominee.

J. G. SHIPMAN, Esq., of Belvidere, N. J., has declined any use of his name for the United States Senatorship, whereupon the Belvidere *Intelligencer* declares for Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. The Atlantic *Republican* also advocates Mr. F.'s election.

The Tennessee Republican State Convention is to be held at Nashville, and the Kentucky Democratic State Convention at Frankfort, on the 22d of February.

It is said that Judge ALBERT JACKSON has taken the necessary steps to contest the election to Congress of THOMAS E. NOELL, in the Missouri Third District.

The Democratic citizens of Bullitt County, Ky., at a meeting on the 17th inst. to choose delegates to the State Convention, indorsed the President's policy, and recommended Col. PHILIP LEE, of Nelson County, for Lieutenant-Governor, and A. H. FIELD, of Bullitt County, as member of Congress from the Fourth District.

The New-Orleans *Tribune*, trusting in the establishment by Congress of a new Government in Louisiana, nominates THOMAS J. DURANT for Governor.

Hon. THOMAS HARDEMAN, Jr., Speaker of the House of Representatives of Georgia, is suggested as a candidate for Governor of that State.

Fires Yesterday.

IN WEST HOUSTON-STREET.

A fire was discovered yesterday afternoon, shortly before o'clock, in the fourth-story of the tenement-house, No. 300 West Houston-street, corner of Greenwich-street. The fire is supposed to have been the result of children playing with matches, which ignited and set fire to the carpet in the apartments. The occupant of the room, ELIJAH NEWBY, sustained a loss of about $500; no insurance. Mr. KNOAN, who occupies the third floor, sustained a loss of $60 by water. The next floor below was occupied by G. A. JONES as a clock and musical box spring manufactury; damage about $300; fully insured. The building, owned by Mr. JONES, was damaged to the extent of about $500; fully insured. The upper floors are occupied by about twenty families, among whom the greatest disorder and panic prevailed during the first few minutes after the alarm was sounded; but fortunately no one was injured. The prompt action of the firemen saved the building before the flames spread beyond the apartments where they originated.

IN WEST BROADWAY.

Shortly after 9 o'clock last night an alarm of fire was sounded, caused by the discovery of flames issuing from the show-window of the hat and cap store at No. 125 West Broadway, owned and occupied by C. BOUJASSON. The firemen were promptly on the ground, and succeeded in soon extinguishing the flames, before any considerable damage had been inflicted. The total loss on stock and building will not exceed $300; fully insured.

FALSE ALARM.

The alarm of fire at a few minutes of 9 o'clock last evening, originated from the ignition of some straw in the cellar of the tenement house, No. 190 East Twenty-ninth-street; no damage.

POLICE COURTS.

The Tombs—Before Justice Dowling.

A FIREMAN IN DISGRACE.

Yesterday morning JAMES PETTIT, a member of Metropolitan Hook and Ladder Company No. 8, made up his mind to celebrate Christmas by going on an excursion with the "Black Crook Guard," a company of fantasticals. With this intention PETTIT procured the disguise of a baboon, over which he wore his fireman's uniform. While thus dressed in a double character, the foolish fellow became grossly intoxicated, and in that condition mounted a horse on the corner of Hester and Elizabeth streets, and acted in so disorderly a manner that Officer SIMINGTON, of the Fourteenth Precinct, was compelled to arrest him and convey him to the Spring-street station-house. Subsequently Fire Commissioner BROWN appeared at the station-house and removed all the buttons and other insignia of his position in the Department. On being arraigned before the Court the prisoner was locked up. He is no longer a member of the Department.

Card from Mr. George Carr.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In your paper of the 21st inst. you have published my name as having connection with the Dr. MASSEY homicide. The statement that I was examined on the supposition that I had guilty knowledge of the facts is not correct. I was called upon as a witness, and need not have gone unless I chose, but went at the request of Capt. WILSON, of the Police. By publishing this you will not only confer a favor, but do justice to me and friends. GEO. CARR.

No. 33 East Thirty-third-street.

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

AMERICAN GENIUS IN THE ARMIES OF EUROPE.—There is now on exhibition at the carriage warerooms of Mr. HAM, corner of Broadway and Fourth-street, a two-horse ambulance, built by him to be sent to the Exposition at Paris. The "Howard Ambulance" was invented by Dr. B. HOWARD, of this City, toward the close of the war, was approved by the Army Board, and ordered to be built for the Army of the Potomac. It has since received the indorsement of the Inspectors-General both of the French and English armies, and by them declared to be superior to anything of its kind previously brought to their notice. One of its chief merits is found in a new and simple arrangement of interior springs, by which, either with a light or heavy load, whether upon a smooth or rough road, all jar is expended before reaching the seats or beds on which the patients rest. Other inventions for the easy removal of sick and wounded by this eminent surgeon are also on exhibition, before being sent to the Exposition at Paris.

COLORED GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—The pupils of Colored Grammar School No. 1 will hold their Christmas festival at the Cooper Institute on Thursday evening next. The exercises will consist of vocal and instrumental music, solos, duets, choruses, &c., dialogues and recitations, the pupils furnishing the entertainment. The festival is under the direction of Mr. JOHN PETERSON, and Miss MAGNAN will preside at the piano. This school is one of the most flourishing colored schools in the City, and as it is conducted under the auspices of the Board of Education, it will compare favorably with any public school in the City. It is not often that the colored schools appear before the public, and when they do they should be heartily welcomed.

SHOOTING AFFRAY.—Shortly before midnight of Monday, a desperate affray took place at the Essex House, corner of Grand and Essex streets, between FRANK CLARK and GEO. MCCLOUD, both ex-policemen, PETER TRACY and several others, when a pistol shot was fired, and the bullet took effect in the shoulder of the proprietor, PETER ROWE, who was endeavoring to preserve order, causing a slight wound. The affair was kept so quiet, however, that the Tenth Ward Police did not hear of the disturbance until yesterday morning, when it was too late to make any arrests. Exactly the cause of the quarrel and subsequent affray was not ascertained.

SHOOTING CASE.—At about 7:45 o'clock last evening a man named FREDERICK WEBER, residing at No. 149 Sixth-street, got into an altercation with a man named WILLIAM RODES, in front of his residence, when the latter entered his apartments on the second floor of No. 143 of the same street, and fired a pistol-shot from his window, wounding WEBER in the head severely. RODES was arrested soon afterward by Officers PIERCE and ARNOLD, of the Seventeenth Precinct. The wounded man was conveyed to his home, where all is being done that can be to relieve his sufferings.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORPHANS' HOME AND ASYLUM.—The fifteenth anniversary of the Orphans' Home and Asylum will be held at the institution, Forty-ninth street, corner of Lexington-avenue, on Thursday, the 27th instant, at 12 o'clock M., when the annual reports will be read and Trustees and Managers elected for the ensuing year. After the close of the services, the children's Christmas tree will be exhibited, and tables spread with refreshments. The institution is a charitable one, and worthy of being sustained by the benevolent.

SABBATH-SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—The Sabbath-school of the Presbyterian Church of the Sea and Land, corner Market and Henry streets, will give a grand musical and literary entertainment this evening. The programme is well chosen, and promises very great enjoyment to those who may be present upon the occasion.

ACCIDENTALLY DROWNED.—About 11 o'clock last night a man named MALLOY, aged about 50 years, and living at No. 395 East Tenth-street, accidentally fell off the dock at the foot of Ninth-street, and was drowned. The body was recovered and the Coroner notified.

BROOKLYN NEWS.

KILLED ON A RAILROAD.—Last evening, about 7 o'clock, a woman, name unknown, while stepping off a Fulton-avenue car at Downing-street, was run over by the horses of another car coming in opposite direction, and instantly killed. The woman was taken into a neighboring house and the Coroner was notified.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—Yesterday afternoon a man employed in a store-house in Water-street, fell through the hatchway and sustained injuries which resulted in his death in a short time thereafter.

NEW-JERSEY.

IMPORTANT ARREST OF THIEVES.—For the past three months the sleeping cars belonging to the Atlantic and Great Western Railway Company, which run through to Jersey City, have been frequently robbed at the terminus of the Erie Railway, of hair mattresses, velvet cushions, bedding, &c., and all efforts to detect the thieves were fruitless until the present time. It appears that upon arriving in Jersey City the cars are taken to a side track at the upper shops near the tunnel, and there remain until again required for use, and it was at this latter place where the property disappeared in a very mysterious manner, notwithstanding that there were night watchmen employed. The matter was finally placed in the hands of Detectives MCWILLIAMS and NUGENT to work up. After due investigation the officers became satisfied that a man named PATRICK FURY, in the employ of the Erie Company as night watchman at the upper shops, was the guilty party. Yesterday the officers went before Justice QUAIFE and procured a search warrant, with which they proceeded to FURY's house on Newark-avenue, foot of Bergen Hill, and made a thorough search of the premises. The officers found that all the beds in the house were composed of hair. They also found the stolen property stowed away under the beds, in the cellar, in the garret, and in the wood-shed. They then arrested PATRICK FURY and his wife SUSAN, as the principles, and MICHAEL MCMANN, MORRIS and WILLIAM GALVIN, MICHAEL FERREL, and JAMES DAVY, boarders in the house, as accessories, all of whom were committed to await an examination. The property recovered was a full wagon load, and is valued at about $500.

PRESENTATION OF CHURCH VESTMENTS.—Rev. City, was the recipient on Sunday evening, after Vespers, of a full set of Church vestments, of gold color, handsomely embroidered in silver. The presentation address was delivered on behalf of the members of the church by Mr. CHARLES C. MCTAVEY, who referred, in a few happy remarks, to the disinterested zeal of the Reverend Father, displayed in attending to the wants of the Irish Catholics. The reverend gentleman, in reply, said that he was completely overcome by this new proof of the love of the Irish toward him, and words could not express the feelings of his heart, and he could simply thank them, and hoped God would spare him among them to labor as best he could for their interest.

A RASCALLY SON.—An aged German woman named MOERNER arrived in this country recently with $340 in gold, and proceeded to the residence of her son JOHN, in Newark, with whom she expected to reside. She placed the money in the hands of her son for the purpose of having it placed in the savings bank. After a time he became unkind to her, and finally turned his old mother out of doors. She then discovered, on inquiry, that her son had applied the money to his own use, and, after finding that he could rob her of nothing more, had turned her out in the streets. Making her case known at the Police-station, young MOERNER was yesterday arrested and taken before Justice KIRKPATRICK, when, after promising to make restitution and provide for his mother, he was set at liberty.

CHARGED WITH STEALING A $25,000 DEED.—CHARLES A. MILLER and Capt. CLARK had a partial examination before Justice CHAMBERS, of Jersey City, on Monday afternoon, charged by Mr. BENNET with stealing the deed of a tract of land valued at $25,000 from him. In 1863 Mr. BENNET purchased an island at the South and placed MILLER in charge of said property, and it is now alleged that the latter, through false pretences, gained possession of the deed, with which he decamped. CLARK, who was formerly one of Gen. BUTLER's staff, is charged with conspiring in the fraud. The accused were arrested some time since at Taylor's Hotel, and were bailed at the time, but for some unknown reason the affair has been kept quiet.

ARREST OF BROOKLYN THIEVES IN NEWARK.—On Monday evening two suspicious looking men having bundles in their possession, were taken in custody and conveyed to the police station, where they gave their names as JOHN MOORE and RICHARD ADDIS, of Brooklyn, the latter claiming to reside at No. 232 Atlantic-street. In the possession of ADDIS was found a large package of unfinished catgut, probably 30 or 40 pounds. MOORE had in his possession a package of woolen stockings, which were yesterday identified by LEWIS LEVI, merchant, No. 293 Market-street, as having been stolen from his place of business. It is supposed that the catgut is the proceeds of some robbery in New-York or vicinity. The prisoners, who claim to be peddlers, were committed to await an investigation.

CHRISTMAS SLINGS.—JOHN MCCARTHY, aged 28, celebrated Christmas Eve until 11:40 o'clock, when he went home and broke his father's furniture and crockery, for which he was arrested by Officer RAMSEY, of the Jersey City Police, and locked up. JAMES ROSS, aged 19, was arrested yesterday forenoon by Officers MANN and MCCARTHY, charged by FRANCIS MASTERSON, corner of Washington and Essex streets, Jersey City, with being drunk and disorderly, and breaking in his door. He was committed for examination.

CARELESS USE OF FIREARMS.—Yesterday forenoon, WM. RYAN, of No. 396 South Seventh-street, Jersey City, went before Justice QUAIFE and made affidavit that one OLIVER FRENCH wilfully and maliciously fired off a pistol at complainant's house, the ball from which broke a pane of glass and passed over a bed in close proximity to where his son was lying. The Justice issued a warrant, upon which FRENCH was arrested and committed to await examination.

DEATH FROM SCALDS.—A child two years of age, named ESTHER, daughter of CHAS. E. GARDNER, grocer, corner of Grove and South Third streets, Jersey City, died yesterday morning from scalds received on the 15th of this month. It appears that the child, while playing with others in a room, fell over a pail of hot water which was standing on the floor, and was scalded so severely that death resulted on Monday. Coroner WARREN viewed the body, and gave a permit for burial.

ROBBING A DETECTIVE.—Yesterday forenoon Detective Officer BRANT, of the Newark Police, while out shopping, entered a store and laid down a bundle, for the purpose of making some purchases, and when ready to leave, discovered that his bundle was missing. After diligent inquiry he traced up a woman, named CATHARINE GIGER, in whose possession he found the missing property. He conveyed her to the station-house, where she subsequently gave bail to appear for trial.

FATAL ACCIDENT ON THE CENTRAL RAILROAD.—The train of the Central Railroad due in Jersey City at 7 o'clock yesterday morning ran over and instantly killed an unknown woman near Scotch Plains. The woman was walking on the track and did not hear the approach of the train, and the fog being very thick, the engineer did not discover deceased in time to prevent the accident.

ARREST OF A COUNTERFEITER.—On Monday Detective NETTLESHIP, of Newark, arrested a young man at Elizabeth, charged with being engaged in passing one dollar counterfeit greenbacks, some six or seven of which he had been passed upon people in Elizabeth. The prisoner was taken before Commissioner WHITEHEAD, to whom he acknowledged his guilt, and was accordingly fully committed for trial.

ROBBERY OF A POST-OFFICE.—Just before daylight on Sunday morning, the post-office at Elizabeth was burglariously entered and robbed of nearly all the letters. Several checks and notes were found, besides burglars tools, in the rear of St. John's Church. The same office was robbed a few weeks ago, since which time it has been lighted up with gas, and a police officer passed frequently up to 4 A.M.

THEFT OF DIAMOND RINGS.—Mr. GEORGE W. WHITE, hatter, of New-York, and residing in Jersey City, yesterday appeared before Justice QUAIFE and procured a warrant for the arrest of his colored servant, HILIARE DRUMGOLD, whom he charges with having, on the 5th of December, stolen three diamond rings valued at $300, from his premises. The accused was arrested and committed.

CHRISTMAS FOR THE FERRY HANDS.—On Monday morning Commodore WOOLSEY, Superintendent of the Jersey City Ferry, presented each of the ferry masters, engineers, and all others connected therewith, with turkeys, geese and chickens for their Christmas dinner. The amount required for the purpose was two large truck-loads.

Court Calendars—This Day.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT.

Parts I. and II.—Adjourned for the Term.

Part III.—Held by Balcom, J., at No. 73 Duane-street.—Court opens at 10 o'clock A. M.

Nos.	Nos.
2316—Hall vs. Wechster et al.	29½—Leland et al. vs. Leland.
2178—Same vs. Same.	2304—Bennett vs. Corn.
1235—Bernhardt et al. vs. Wanman et al.	1810—Gould vs. Wolfsohn.
163—Hartley vs. James et al.	249—Paton vs. Butterfield.
240—Crowell vs. Miller.	670—Campbell vs. the Mayor, &c.
190—McCready et al. vs. Johnson et al.	1067—Kirtland vs. Clarke.
2426—Ogden vs. Harwood.	1694—Copeland vs. Watson.
2021—Dunah vs. Scullin.	1947—Chase vs. Loyd.
963—Benton vs. Myers.	1430—Anderson vs. Min. Min. Company.
861—Ballatine et al. vs. Henry.	2338—Brown vs. Frask.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

Held by Balcom, J., at No. 73 Duane-street.—Court opens at 10 A. M.

Nos.	Nos.
180—Taylor vs. Ketchum.	200—Davis, Jr., vs. Masterson et al.
181—Calhoun vs. The Same.	201—Clarke vs. Smith.
187—Cohen vs. Jackson.	202—Dougherty vs. McCloskey et al.
338—Hewitt vs. B. R. P. Co.	203—The Corn Exchange Insurance Company vs. Bobenck et al.
339—Same vs. Same.	204—Delavan vs. Dunoan.
324—Hunt vs. Sanger et al.	205—Westhead vs. Thompson.
181—Sanmers vs. Adams.	206—Byrnes vs. Loughran.
196—Palmer vs. Roe et al.	
103—Cassell vs. McAloney.	
101—Smith vs. Crosby.	
197—Williams vs. Williams.	
188—Sanz vs. Lowe, Jr.	
199—Cuff vs. Dorlam.	

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

Held by Ingraham, J.—Court opens at 10 o'clock A. M.

Nos.	Nos.
58—Hatterson vs. Bergen.	78—Everett vs. ———
60—Hancock vs. Drew.	91—Salem vs. Fruelich.
62—Mapes vs. Constant.	129—Kelter vs. Mattox.
94—Miller vs. Porter.	135—White vs. Hinsdale.

The General call is No. 136—National Bank of the Metropolis vs. Orcutt.

MARINE COURT.

Held by Hearns, J.—Non-Jury Cases only.—Court opens at 10 o'clock A. M.

Nos.	Nos.
233—Sultherstein vs. Goodwin.	222—Burnett vs. Whitney.
204—Samuels vs. Settenreith.	229—Buckman vs. The Great Eastern Steamship Company.
208—Young vs. Stalts.	229½—Sayes vs. Gibbons.
211—Tracey vs. Metcalf.	233—Taylor vs. Newman.
212—Head vs. Gallagher.	241—McAteroy vs. Higgins.
214—Freerstein vs. Algel.	242—Mitchell vs. Van Name.
216—Campbell vs. Koming.	243—Augers vs. Young.
219—Kitzheimer vs. Tilt.	244—Waters vs. Garrison.
220—Boies vs. Fleming.	245—Fielding vs. Holl.
221—Beebe vs. McCully.	246—Richardson vs. Wilson.

MRS. S. S. RANDALL, wife of the City Superintendent of Public Schools, writes as follows of the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing-Machines:

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SEWING-MACHINES AT THE MASONIC FAIR.—At the Masonic Fair the Executive Committee invite attention to the advertisement of Brother J. T. ELLIS, No. 739 Broadway, corner Twenty-second-street, proposing to supply the WHEELER & WILSON Sewing-Machine on orders received during the continuance of the Fair, at manufacturers' prices.

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5-20 Coupon, '64.	104¾	105	Aug., C.I.Nt's, '64	113¼	113¾
5-20 Coupon, '65.	104⅞	105	Oct., C.I.Nt's, '64	114⅛	114⅜
5-20 " new, '65.	107⅜	107⅝	Dec., C.I.Nt's, '64	113¾	114
10-40 Registered.	99	99⅛	May, C.I.Nt's, '65	113⅝	113⅞
10-40 Coupon.....	99⅛	99⅜	Aug., C.I.Nt's, '65	110⅛	110⅜
Gold.....	132	133⅛	Sept., C.I.Nt's, '65	110⅛	110⅜
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J. D. VERMILYE, Cashier.

ELECTION NOTICE.
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An election for Directors of this Company for the ensuing year will be held on MONDAY, Jan. 7, 1867, between the hours of 12 and 2 o'clock P. M.
JAMES GILMORE, Secretary.

BROWN BROTHERS & CO.,
NO. 59 WALL-ST.,
ISSUE COMMERCIAL CREDITS FOR TRAVELERS' CREDITS FOR USE IN THIS COUNTRY AND ABROAD

HOUSE SAVINGS BANK.

Temporary Office, No. 111 Broadway, Rooms Nos. 83, 85.

The subscription book to the capital stock of the HOUSE SAVINGS BANK is now open at the office of the Company.

It is confidently believed that this institution will not only be of incalculable benefit to the poorer classes, but in fact to all those who are paying rents, while at the same time it will realize large profits to those who invest their money in this truly philanthropic institution.

TRUSTEES.

Hon. Theo. E. Tomlinson, Gen. Charles R. Graham,
Hon. W. W. Woodworth, Mr. James Warren Nash,
Hon. Rufus Andrews, Mr. Christian B. Morrison,
Mr. David Smith, Mr. Robert W. Hyman,
Mr. Walter Briggs.

Hon. THEODORE E. TOMLINSON, President.
Mr. CHRISTIAN B. MORRISON, Vice-President.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE stockholders of the WASHINGTON MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, of the City of New-York:

That at a special meeting of the Directors of said Company, held at their office, No. 40 Pine-st., in said City, on the 30th day of November, A. D. 1866, in view of a deficiency in the capital of said Company, caused by unprecedented marine disasters, and in pursuance of section 11 of the charter of said Company, and of the statute in such case made and provided, it was unanimously resolved that an assessment of forty per cent. be and the same was accordingly made, to be assessed upon each and every share of the capital stock of said Company, payable at the office of said Company, No. 40 Pine-st., in said City, on or before the 3d day of January, 1867.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 1, 1866.

A. L. McCARTHY, Secretary.

OFFICE MARIETTA AND CINCINNATI RAILROAD CO., AS REORGANIZED,
CHILLICOTHE, O., Dec. 15, 1866.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS OF THIS Company, at the agency in New-York City, and at this office, will be closed from the 1st to the 15th of January, proximo, inclusive.

WM. E. WATSON, Secretary.

Parties holding certificates of stock discharged from the Chillicothe books, are requested to surrender them at the New-York agency for registry before the closing of the transfer-books.

OFFICE OF THE ATLANTIC MUTUAL INSURANCE CO.,
No. 31 Wall-st., NEW-YORK, Dec. 14, 1866.

THE BOOKS OF THIS COMPANY WILL close on the 31st inst., preparatory to its annual statement. Persons holding policies on risks which shall have terminated during the year prior to 1st January next, are requested to furnish an account of the premiums thereon, and a statement of the amount of return of premiums, to prevent discrepancies in the accounts.

J. H. CHAPMAN, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE INDIANAPOLIS AND ST. LOUIS RAILROAD AND SLEEPING COACH COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1866.

ELECTION NOTICE.—THE ANNUAL MEETing of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at their office, in the City of New-York, on WEDNESDAY, the 2d day of January next, at 3 o'clock P. M., for the election of Directors for the ensuing year.

H. C. BARR, Secretary.

NATIONAL BROADWAY BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1866.

ELECTION.—The annual election for Directors of this Bank, and for Inspectors of the next ensuing election, will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY, the 8th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M., and 1 o'clock P. M.

J. L. EVERITT, Cashier.

THE BOWERY NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 15, 1866.

AN ELECTION FOR THIRTEEN DIRECtors of this institution, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking-room, on TUESDAY, the 15th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 2 o'clock P. M.

R. HAMILTON, Cashier.

BANKING-HOUSE OF FISK & HATCH,
No. 5 NASSAU-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1866.

THE COUPONS DUE JAN. 1, 1867, ON the First Mortgage Bonds of the Central Pacific Railroad Company of California, will be paid at our office, free of Government tax.

FISK & HATCH, Bankers, No. 5 Nassau-st.

AMERICAN DOCK AND IMPROVEMENT Company 7 per cent. Bonds, interest payable January and July, guaranteed by Central Railroad of New-Jersey, also Morris and Essex Railroad First and Second Mortgage Bonds for sale by

POTT, DAVIDSON & JONES, Bankers,
Nos. 59 and 61 Wall-st.

THE NATIONAL MECHANICS' BANKING ASSOCIATION OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 12, 1866.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors of this Bank will be held at the banking house, No. 38 Wall-st., on MONDAY, the 14th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.

F. CHANDLER, Cashier.

IRVING NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 1866.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR ELEVEN Directors of this Bank will be held at the banking-house on TUESDAY, Jan. 8, 1867. Polls open from 1 to 2 o'clock P. M.

J. L. JEWETT, Jr., Cashier.

UNITED STATES TREASURY, Dec. 18, 1866.

SCHEDULES OF (30) THIRTY OR MORE Coupons due Jan. 1, 1867, will be now received for examination at the United States Treasury.

H. H. VAN DYCK, Assistant Treasurer.

CITY OF KEOKUK EIGHT PER CENT. NEW BONDS.—The interest due on above bonds Jan. 1, 1867, for coupon No. 2, will be paid, on presentation of coupons, on and after Jan. 2, at the Central National Bank.

FINANCIAL.

UNITED STATES LLOYDS.

ROBINSON & COX,
ATTORNEYS,
No. 37 William-st.

THIS ASSOCIATION IS NOW PREPARED TO TAKE

MARINE RISKS

ON THE MOST FAVORABLE TERMS.

Losses made payable in London, at the banking-house of Messrs. J. S. MORGAN & CO. The following gentlemen will act as an Advisory Committee:

JOHN J. CRANE, J. PIERPONT MORGAN, JOHN R. GARDNER, JOHN S. WILLIAMS, EMIL HEINEMANN, W. BUTLER DUNCAN, SAM'L D. BABCOCK, ROBT. L. TAYLOR, J. BOORMAN JOHNSTON.

FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS

OF THE ST. PAUL AND PACIFIC RAILROAD OF MINNESOTA,

which are only $10,000 per mile on finished road. For sale by

TURNER BROTHERS,
Bankers, corner of Nassau and Pine sts.

CORN EXCHANGE INSURANCE COMPANY, NEW-YORK.

The annual election for Directors of this Company will be held at the office of the Company, No. 157 Broadway, New-York, on MONDAY, the 7th day of January, 1867. Polls open from 12 noon to 1 P. M.

GEO. A. DRESSER, Secretary.

UNITED STATES TREASURY,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 18, 1866.

INTERNAL REVENUE STEMPS,

Of all denominations, can be obtained at this office at the full commissions allowed by law, viz.: On amounts of fifty dollars and upward, 2 per cent.; one hundred dollars and upward, 3 per cent.; five hundred dollars and upward, 4 per cent.; one thousand dollars and upward, 5 per cent.; the commissions being payable in stamps.

H. H. VAN DYCK, Assistant Treasurer.

THE IMPORTERS' AND TRADERS' NATIONAL BANK OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 17, 1866.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors of this Bank for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking rooms, corner Broadway and Murray-st., on TUESDAY, Jan. 8, 1867.

Polls open from 12 M. to 1 o'clock P. M.

E. H. PERKINS, Jr., Cashier.

NATIONAL SHOE AND LEATHER BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 8, 1866.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR FIFTEEN Directors of this Bank, for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, Broadway and Chambers sts., on TUESDAY, Jan. 8, 1867. Polls open from 12 M. to 1 P. M.

J. M. CRANE, Cashier.

THE CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 8, 1866.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the annual meeting of the stockholders of this Bank, for the election of Directors, will be held at the banking-house on TUESDAY, the 8th day of January next. The poll will be open from 12 M. to 1 P. M.

W. H. SANFORD, Cashier.

THE EIGHTH NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 17, 1866.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank for the ensuing year will be held at the banking-room, No. 620 Broadway, on TUESDAY, the 8th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.

CHAS. HUDSON, Cashier.

NATIONAL BANK OF THE STATE OF NEW-YORK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 6, 1866.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRectors of this Bank, and for Inspectors of the next ensuing election, will be held at the Bank on TUESDAY, the 8th January, between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock P. M.

JOHN R. KEARNY, Cashier.

DRY DOCK BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 22, 1866.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of this Bank will be held at the Banking Rooms, on MONDAY, the 14th day of January next, between the hours of 9 A. M. to 3 P. M., for the purpose of electing nine Directors for the ensuing year.

L. J. LOCKWOOD, Cashier.

THE CHATHAM NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 5, 1866.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of this Bank, for the election of Directors, will be held at the banking room on TUESDAY, the 8th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M. By order of the Board.

O. H. SCHREINER, Cashier.

NATIONAL PARK BANK OF NEW-YORK,
No. 5, BEEKMAN-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1866.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors of this Bank, for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, Jan. 8, 1867. Polls open from 12 M. to 1 o'clock P. M.

J. L. WORTH, Cashier.

NATIONAL BUTCHERS' AND DROVERS' BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 22, 1866.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors of this bank, and for inspectors of the ensuing election, will be held at the banking-house on TUESDAY, the 8th day of January next. Polls open from 1 to 2 o'clock P. M.

G. G. BRINCKERHOFF, Cashier.

MILWAUKEE AND ST. PAUL RAILWAY,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 24, 1866.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS OF THIS COMpany will be closed on the 31st December, 1866, and reopened Jan. 20, 1867.

By order of the Directors,
CHAS. P. GILPIN, Transfer Agent.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 13, 1866.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE MONTAUK STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY will be held at their office, No. 171 Broadway, on WEDNESDAY, 26th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M.

CHAS. W. COPELAND, President.

THE PACIFIC NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1866.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR THIRteen Directors will be held at their Banking-house, on TUESDAY, the 8th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 o'clock P. M.

R. BUCK, Cashier.

THE TRADESMEN'S NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 24, 1866.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS will be held on TUESDAY, Jan. 8, from 12 M. to 2 P. M.

ANTHONY HALSEY, Cashier.

SAVINGS BANKS.

IRVING SAVINGS INSTITUTION.

No. 96 Warren-st.

Interest allowed at the rate of 6 per cent. on all sums entitled thereto, free of Government tax. Open daily from 10 to 3 P. M.

WALTER W. CONCKLIN, President.
VANDERBILT L. BUXTON, Sec'y.

CITIZENS' SAVINGS BANK,
No. 58 BOWERY, CORNER CANAL-ST.,
NEW-YORK, January, 1867.

SIX PER CENT. FREE FROM GOVERNMENT TAX.

1867—JANUARY INTEREST. The regular semi-annual interest, at the rate of SIX PER CENT. per annum, (free from Government tax,) will be paid on and after MONDAY, Jan. 21, on all sums of five dollars and upward, which have been on deposit for three or six months previous to the 1st of January.

Interest not withdrawn will be added to the original deposit, and bear interest from the 1st of January.

MONEY DEPOSITED NOW, OR ON OR BEFORE JAN. 10, WILL BEAR INTEREST FROM THE 1ST OF JANUARY.

Bank open every day for the reception and payment of money, from 10 to 3, and also on MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY evenings, from 5 to 7.

Bank books in German, French and English.

GEORGE FOLSOM, President.
SEYMOUR A. BUNCE, Secretary.

HOMES FOR THE PEOPLE.

The HOUSE SAVINGS BANK is now prepared to receive orders for erecting and leasing houses. The rent of such houses will be equal to interest on the cost, and all sums exceeding the interest will be credited on the purchase. For further particulars, apply at the temporary office of the Company, No. 111 Broadway, (Trinity Building,) Rooms No. 83 and 85.

TRUSTEES:

Hon. Theo. E. Tomlinson, Gen. Chas. R. Graham,
Hon. Wm. W. Woodward, Mr. David Smith,
Hon. Rufus Andrews, Mr. Christian B. Morrison,
Mr. Jas. Warren Nash, Mr. Robert W. Hyman,
Mr. Walter Briggs.

MR. THEODORE E. TOMLINSON, President.
Mr. C. B. MORRISON, Vice-President.

SIX PER CENT. FREE FROM GOVERNMENT TAX.

THIRD-AVENUE SAVINGS BANK,
CORNER 3D-AV. AND 26TH-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1866.

DIVIDEND.—A Semi-annual Dividend, at the rate of SIX PER CENT. per annum, (free from Government tax,) on all sums not exceeding $5,000, will be paid on and after the third MONDAY in January.

Deposits made on or before Jan. 10 will draw interest from that 1st. Bank open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M. and on MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY EVENINGS, from 6 to 8 o'clock.

SPENCER K. GREEN, President.
RICHARD KELLY, Secretary.

GREENWICH SAVINGS BANK.

JANUARY INTEREST FOR 1867.

The Board of Trustees have ordered interest to be paid to depositors on and after MONDAY, the 21st day of January, 1867, at the rate of Six Per Cent. per annum on all sums of five hundred dollars and under, entitled thereto, and Five Per Cent. per annum on all sums over five hundred dollars, entitled thereto, (free of Government tax.) Interest not called for will be added to the principal. By order of

B. F. WHEELWRIGHT, President.
JOHN S. DICKERSON, } Secretaries.
JAMES BRUCE, }

MECHANICS' AND TRADERS' SAVINGS INSTITUTION,

No. 20 DEY-ST., NEW-YORK.

Six per cent. interest (free from Government tax) allowed on sums of from $5 to $5,000, deposits made on or before Jan. 2 will draw interest from that date.

Open daily from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M., and on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 A. M. to 7 P. M.

HENRY C. FISHER, Secretary.

SIX PER CENT. INTEREST,

Free of Government tax.

MARKET SAVINGS BANK,
No. 82 Nassau-st., (near Fulton-st.,) New-York.

Interest on new deposits commences immediately on the first day of the month following the date of the deposit.

WM. VAN NAME, President.
HENRY R. CONKLIN, Secretary.

ATLANTIC SAVINGS BANK,

Chatham-square, New-York.

Money deposited on or before Jan. 2 will draw interest from Jan. 1.

SIX PER CENT. INTEREST ALLOWED, FREE OF TAX.

M. D. VAN PELT, President.
CHARLES D. BAILEY, Treasurer.
JOSEPH P. COOPER, Secretary.

UNION DIME SAVINGS BANK,

No. 429 Canal-st., corner of Varick.

Six per cent. interest on $5 to $5,000, free of tax Money deposited now, begin interest from Jan. 1. Assets $2,456,187 19.

E. V. HAUGHWOUT, President.
G. S. CHAPIN, Treasurer. T. S. ARMOUR, Sec'y.

BROADWAY SAVINGS INSTITUTION,
No. 237 BROADWAY, ENTRANCE ON PARK-PLACE.

DIVIDEND.—THE TRUSTEES OF THIS INstitution have directed that the usual dividend on deposits entitled thereto, for the six months ending Dec. 31, at the rate of SIX PER CENT. per annum on sums not exceeding $500, and FIVE PER CENT. over $500 (free from Government tax,) shall be paid on and after MONDAY, Jan. 21, 1867.

FRANCIS P. SCHOALS, President.
WADE B. WORRALL, Sec. PETER CUMMING, Asst.

THE "INSTITUTION FOR THE SAVINGS OF MERCHANTS' CLERKS," and others, No. 316 Broadway, has declared a dividend on deposits entitled thereto, for the six months ending 31st inst., and payable MONDAY, Jan. 21, 1867, at the following rates per annum: Six per Cent. on sums of from $5 to $500, and Five per Cent. on larger sums, free from Government tax. MOSES H. GRINNELL, President.

ANDREW WARNER, Secretary.
DEC. 13, 1866.

FRANKLIN SAVINGS BANK, NO. 594 8th-st., corner 42d-st.—Open daily. Interest 6 per cent., free of tax. Deposits made now draw interest from Jan. 1.

DIVIDENDS.

NEW-YORK AND NEW-HAVEN RAILROAD COMPANY,

A dividend of FIVE DOLLARS per share, (free of Government tax,) has this day been declared on the capital stock of this Company, payable at this office on and after Jan. 2, 1867. The transfer books will close on the 17th inst. and reopen on the 3d day of January next.

W. BEMENT, Treasurer.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 10, 1866.

ATLANTIC SAVINGS BANK,
Chatham-square, New-York.

SIX PER CENT. FREE FROM GOVERNMENT TAX.

DIVIDEND—a semi-annual dividend at the rate of six per cent. per annum, free from Government tax, on all sums from $5 to $4,000, will be paid on and after the THIRD MONDAY in January. Deposits made on or before Jan. 2 will draw interest from the 1st.

Bank open daily. M. D. VAN PELT, President.
J. P. COOPER, Secretary.

MANHATTAN SAVINGS INSTITUTION,
No. 644 Broadway, corner Bleecker-st.,

THE TRUSTEES OF THIS INSTITUTION have declared the THIRTY-SECOND SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND on all deposits by the rules entitled thereto, at the rate of Six per cent. per annum on sums of $1, and not exceeding $600, and Five per cent. per annum on amounts over $600, payable on and after MONDAY, Jan. 21, the Institution paying the Government Tax.

The dividend will be credited under date of Jan 1, and if not withdrawn, will receive interest the same as a deposit of that date.

EDWARD SCHELL, Treasurer.
C. F. ALVORD, Secretary.

THE MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY.—At a meeting of the Directors of the Michigan Central Railroad Company, held at Boston this 13th day of December, 1866, it was

Voted, That a Dividend of Six per share, free of Government tax be and the same is hereby declared payable on the 1st day of January next to holders of stock at the close of business on the 20th inst. Payment is to be made to stockholders residing in Michigan, and registered at Boston, at the office of the General Receiver in Detroit; to holders of stock registered in the City of New-York, at the office of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, in said City; and to all others, at the office of the Treasurer, in the City of Boston.

Voted, That the transfer books of the Company be closed from the 20th inst. until the 1st of January next.

ISAAC LIVERMORE, Treasurer.

BANK OF AMERICA, NEW-YORK, Dec. 22, 1866.

DIVIDEND.—THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECtors of the Bank of America have this day declared a dividend of Six per cent. for the current six months, free from Government tax, payable to the stockholders on and after WEDNESDAY, Jan. 2, 1867; and an extra dividend of 3 per cent. to cover the amount of the State, City and Country taxes assessed on the shareholders of this Bank, to be paid to the shareholders on satisfactory evidence of there being no claim for these taxes.

The transfer books will remain closed from this date until the morning of SATURDAY, Jan. 5, 1867.

WM. I. JENKINS, Cashier.

OFFICE HARTFORD AND NEW-HAVEN RAILROAD CO.,
HARTFORD, Dec. 21, 1866.

NOTICE.—A QUARTERLY DIVIDEND OF three dollars, free of Government tax, has been declared on each share of stock standing on the books the 27th day of December inst., by the Board of Directors of the Hartford and New-Haven Railroad Company, payable on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 2, 1867.

Stockholders in New-York will receive their dividend at the Union National Bank.

The transfer-books will be closed from the 27th day of December to the 2d day of January, both inclusive.

S. P. CONNER, Secretary.

NEW-YORK AND HARLEM RAILROAD COMPANY,
TREASURER'S OFFICE,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1866.

THE NEW-YORK AND HARLEM RAILroad COMPANY have delared a Dividend of Four Per Cent. on the preferred and common stock, and the same, less the Government tax, will be paid to the shareholders on the 2d day of January, 1867, at the office of the Company, corner of 4th-av. and 26th-st.

The transfer books will be closed at 3 P. M., Dec. 26, 1866, and opened at 10 A. M. on the 3d of January, 1867.

W. H. EMERSON, Treasurer.

METROPOLITAN NATIONAL BANK,
No. 108 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 18, 1866.

DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN NATIONAL BANK have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of Six (6) Per Cent., free of Government tax, payable on the first Monday of January next.

The transfer books will be closed until Jan. 10, 1867.

GEO. I. SENEY, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE DRY DOCK, EAST BROADWAY, AND BATTERY RAILROAD COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 4, 1866.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a Dividend of Five (5) per Cent., free of Government tax, payable 2d January, 1867, by their Treasurer, at the National Broadway Bank.

Transfer books will close 20th inst., and open Jan. 3, next, after election of Directors.

WM. RICHARDSON, President.

FOURTH NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1866.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FOURTH NATIONAL BANK, New-York City, have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of Five (5) per cent., payable Jan. 2, 1867, free of Government tax. The transfer books will be closed from the close of business on the 22d inst., and open on the morning of Jan. 3.

B. SEAMAN, Cashier.

CONTINENTAL NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1866.

DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECTORS OF THE CONTINENTAL NATIONAL BANK have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of Five (5) per cent., free of Government tax, payable on and after the 2d day of January next.

The transfer books will close on the 22d inst., at 3 P. M., and open on the 3d day of January, 1867.

C. F. TIMPSON, Cashier.

THE BANK OF NEW-YORK, NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 14, 1866.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a dividend of Five (5) per Cent., free of Government tax, payable on and after 2d of January next.

The transfer books will be closed from the 20th inst. to 5th of January, 1867.

W. B. MEEKER, Cashier.

NATIONAL BUTCHERS' AND DROVERS' BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1866.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE declared a dividend of FIVE (5) PER CENT., from the earnings of the current six months, free of Government tax, payable on the 2d of January next.

The transfer-books will remain closed until the day of payment.

G. G. BRINCKERHOFF, Cashier.

THE NINTH NATIONAL BANK,
No. 367 Broadway, NEW-YORK, Dec. 14, 1866.

A DIVIDEND OF SIX PER CENT. (FREE of Government tax) has this day been declared, payable on the 2d day of January next. The transfer-books will close on the 22d inst., to reopen on the 2d of January, 1867. By order of the Board of Directors.

JOHN T. HILL, Cashier.

THE EIGHTH NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 18, 1866.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.—THE BOARD OF DIrectors have declared a semi-annual dividend of FIVE (5) PER CENT., free of Government tax, payable on and after the 2d of January next.

The transfer books will be closed from the 24th inst. to 2d January, 1867, inclusive. By order of the Board.

CHAS. HUDSON, Cashier.

THE CHATHAM NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 22, 1866.

A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF EIGHT (8) PER CENT., free of Government tax, will be paid to the stockholders of this Bank, on and after WEDNESDAY, 2d of January next.

The transfer-books will remain closed from 24th inst. to day of payment inclusive. By order of the Board.

O. H. SCHREINER, Cashier.

THE BOWERY NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1866.

DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECTORS OF THE BOWERY NATIONAL BANK have this day declared a dividend of Five Per Cent., free of Government tax, payable on and after Jan. 2 next. The transfer books are closed until Jan. 3, 1867.

R. HAMILTON, Cashier.

ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK,
No. 142 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1866.

DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECTORS OF THE Atlantic National Bank have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of six (6) per cent., free of Government tax, payable on the 2d day of January, 1867.

The transfer books will be closed from Dec. 22 until Jan. 3, 1867.

F. L. TAINTOR, Cashier.

NATIONAL SHOE AND LEATHER BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1866.

A DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT., free of Government tax, out of the profits of the last six months, has this day been declared, payable on and after Jan. 2, 1867. The transfer book will be closed from the 23d inst. to the 2d prox. By order of the Board of Directors.

J. M. CRANE, Cashier.

MANUFACTURERS' AND MERCHANTS' BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1866.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a div dend of five per cent. payable on and after the 2d day of January next, free of Government tax.

Transfer books will be closed from the 24th December to the 2d day of January.

A. MASTERTON, Cashier.

MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1866.

DIVIDEND.—A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF Five (5) Per Cent. has been declared, free of Government tax, payable on and after the 2d of January next. The transfer books will be closed from the 20th inst. until 2d prox.

E. J. OAKLEY, Cashier.

MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1866.

DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a dividend of FIVE PER CENT., free from Government tax, payable to the stockholders on and after the 2d day of January next.

The transfer-books will be closed from this date to day of payment.

WM. H. COX, Cashier.

OFFICE OF EXCELSIOR FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
No. 130 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 18, 1866.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a semi-annual Dividend of Five Per cent. free of Government tax, payable on and after Jan. 2, 1867. The transfer books will be closed until the 2d January next.

SAMUEL M. CRAFT, Secretary.

THE MARKET NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1866.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE THIS DAY declared a semi-annual dividend of five per cent., free of Government tax, payable to stockholders on and after Jan. 2, 1867. The transfer books will be closed until that date.

A. GILBERT, Cashier.

TENTH NATIONAL BANK, No. 336 BROADWAY,

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a dividend of FIVE PER CENT. and Government tax, payable on and after Jan. 2, 1867.

The transfer books will be closed from Dec. 24 to Jan. 2, 1867, inclusive.

J. H. STOUT, Cashier.

THE NATIONAL CITIZENS' BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1866.

A DIVIDEND OF FIVE (5) PER CENT., free of Government tax, has been declared, payable on and after the 3d January next. The transfer books will be closed from Dec. 26 to Jan. 3.

W. H. OAKLEY, Cashier.

NATIONAL BROADWAY BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1866.

THIRTY-FOURTH DIVIDEND.—A SEMIannual dividend of THREE DOLLARS per share on the capital stock of this Bank, and the Government tax, will be paid on and after January 2, proximo.

By order of the Board. J. L. EVERITT, Cashier.

PEOPLE'S BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK,
DEC. 21, 1866.

DIVIDEND.—A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND of Five (5) Per Cent., free of tax, will be paid to the stockholders of this bank on the 2d day of January next, until which date the transfer books are closed. By order of the Board.

G. L. CROWELL, Cashier.

NATIONAL PARK BANK OF NEW-YORK, 5 BEEKMAN-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1866.

A DIVIDEND OF SEVEN PER CENT. (free of Government tax) has this day been declared, payable on the 2d day of January next, until which day the transfer books will be closed.

J. L. WORTH, Cashier.

GROCERS' NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1866.

A DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT., free of Government tax, will be paid to the stockholders of this institution on and after the 2d of January next.

SAMUEL B. WHITE, Cashier.

DIVIDENDS.

PITTSBURGH, FORT WAYNE AND CHICAGO RAILWAY CO., OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 17, 1866.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared the regular quarterly dividend of Two and a Half per cent., free of Government tax, on the capital stock, and semi-annual dividend of Three and a Half per cent., less the Government tax, on the third mortgage bonds, payable on and after the 15th day of January, 1867, at the office of Messrs. Winslow, Lanier & Co., Nos. 27 and 29 Pine-st., to those registered at New-York, and at the office of the Treasurer to those registered at Pittsburgh.

The transfer books will close on the 20th day of December, at 2 o'clock P. M., and reopen on the 17th day of January, 1867.

F. M. HUTCHINSON, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE PANAMA RAILROAD COMPANY,
TONTINE BUILDINGS, No. 68 WALL-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 24, 1866.

THIRTY-NINTH DIVIDEND.—THE Board of Directors have this day declared a dividend of five per cent. out of the earnings of the Road for the three months ending 31st inst., and one per cent. out of the earnings of steamers sailing vessels, &c., payable to the stockholders or their legal representatives on and after Jan. 8.

Transfer-books will be closed from the evening of the 20th inst. until the morning of Jan. 7.

HENRY SMITH, Treasurer.

METROPOLITAN SAVINGS BANK,
No. 16 COOPER INSTITUTE, THIRD-AVENUE.

DIVIDEND.—A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND AT the rate of Six per Cent., per annum, (free from Government tax,) on all sums from $1 to $5,000, will be paid on or after the THIRD WEDNESDAY in January.

Deposits made on or before Jan. 10 will draw interest from the 1st inst.

ISAAC J. SMITH, President.
WM. J. BARNES, Secretary.

HANOVER NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1866.

DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have declared a semi-annual dividend of Six per cent. on the Capital Stock, free of Government tax, payable on the second day of January next. The transfer-book will be closed until that date.

JOHN T. BANKER, Cashier.

THE TRADESMEN'S NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 18, 1866.

A DIVIDEND OF SEVEN AND ONE-HALF per cent. (free from Government tax) will be paid on and after Jan. 2, 1867.

ANTHONY HALSEY, Cashier.

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NO. 779 BRO

SHIPPING.

LONDON AND NEW-YORK STEAMSHIP LINE.

Passage to London, $90, $80 and $30 currency.
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WM. PENN, Capt. BILLINGE, from New-York, Dec. 29.
ATALANTA, Capt. PINKHAM, from New-York, Jan. 12.
BELLONA, Capt. DIXON, from New-York, Feb. 2.
CELLA, Capt. GLEADELL, from New-York, Feb. 16.
The new and elegant British iron steamship WILLIAM PENN, 3,000 tons, will leave Pier No. 3, North River, for London direct, on SATURDAY, Dec. 29.
The accommodations for passengers on this ship are unsurpassed.
Freight will be taken and through bills of lading given to Havre, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, and Dunkirk.
For passage apply to CHAS. A. WHITNEY, No. 26 Broadway.
For freight apply at No. 54 South-st.
HOWLAND & ASPINWALL, Agents.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS,
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL,
CALLING AT CORK HARBOR;
AND
BETWEEN BOSTON AND LIVERPOOL,
CALLING AT HALIFAX AND CORK HARBOR.

JAVA leaves Boston, Wednesday, Jan. 2, 1867.
AUSTRALASIAN leaves New-York, Wednesday, Jan. 9.
CHINA leaves Boston, Wednesday, Jan. 16.
SCOTIA leaves New-York, Wednesday, Jan. 23.

FROM NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL.
Chief Cabin Passage $150
Second Cabin Passage 100
FROM BOSTON TO LIVERPOOL.
Chief Cabin Passage $125
Second Cabin Passage 80
Payable in gold, or its equivalent in United States currency.
Berths not secured until paid for.
An experienced surgeon on board.
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For freight or passage, apply to
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BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR.
AND
BETWEEN BOSTON AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT HALIFAX AND CORK HARBOR.

ASIA leaves Boston Wednesday, Dec. 19.
CUBA leaves New-York Wednesday, Dec. 26.

FROM NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL.
Chief Cabin Passage $132 50
Second Cabin Passage 80 00
FROM BOSTON TO LIVERPOOL.
Chief Cabin Passage $112 50
Second Cabin Passage 65 00
payable in gold, or its equivalent in United States currency.
Berths not secured until paid for.
An experienced surgeon on board.
The owners of these ships will not be accountable for specie or valuables unless bills of lading having the value expressed are signed therefor.
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SHIPPING.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S
THROUGH LINE
TO CALIFORNIA,
CARRYING UNITED STATES MAIL,
VIA PANAMA RAILROAD.

Steamers leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock noon, as follows:
Dec. 31.—NEW-YORK, Capt. W. G. FURBER, connecting with CONSTITUTION, Capt. CAVERLY.
JAN. 11.—HENRY CHAUNCEY, Capt. A. G. GRAY, connecting with GOLDEN AGE, Capt. LAPIDGE.
JAN. 21.—RISING STAR, Capt. T. A. HARRIS, connecting with GOLDEN CITY, Capt. J. T. WATKINS.
All departures touch at Acapulco; those of 1st and 21st connect at Panama with steamers for South Pacific ports; 1st and 11th for Central American Ports, and those of 1st touch at Manzanillo.
Departure of 11th each month connects with the new steam line from Panama to Australia and New-Zealand.
Steamer of March 11, 1867, will connect with the Company's steamer COLORADO, to save San Francisco for Yokohama and Hong Kong, on April 3, 1867.
100 pounds baggage allowed each adult. Medicines and stimulants free.
For passage tickets and all further information apply at the office on the wharf, foot of Canal-st., North River, New-York. S. K. HOLMAN, Agent.

STEAM COMMUNICATION BETWEEN
NEW-YORK AND AUSTRALASIA,
VIA PANAMA.

The Panama, New-Zealand and Australian Royal Mail Company dispatch a steamer on the 24th of each month from Panama to Wellington, and the Australian Colonies, connecting with the steamer of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company leaving New-York for Aspinwall (Colon) on the 11th of each month. First and second cabin passenger will be conveyed through ticket at the following rates: From New-York to ports in New-Zealand, or to Sydney or Melbourne, $540 to $334 for first class, and $318 to $245 for second class, payable in United States gold coin.
Special steamers run to the newly-discovered gold region of Hokitika, New-Zealand.
A limited quantity of merchandise will be conveyed under through bill of lading.
For further information, application to be made to the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, No. 39 Wall-st., or to
CHARLES W. WEST, Agent,
No. 23 William-st., New-York.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C.
THE PEOPLE'S MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
The regular and popular steamship MONEKA, Capt. LEBBY, will leave on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 26, at 3 P. M., from Pier No 36 North River, landing freight on SATURDAY morning at Charleston.
Through tickets and bills of lading issued to all points South, in connection with the South Carolina Railroad.
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., Agents, 88 Liberty-st

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C., THE FLORIDA PORTS AND THE SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST—REGULAR UNITED STATES MAIL LINE.
—The A 1 very fast and elegant steamship ANDALUSIA, WILIAM H. WEST, Commander, is now receiving cargo, and will sail on SATURDAY, Dec. 29, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 14 East River, connecting at Charleston with the steamer DICTATOR for the Florida ports. Passage tickets and through bills of lading given to all points on the South Carolina Railroad. Bills of lading signed at the office on the pier.
ARTHUR LEARY, No. 73 William-st.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA.—MURRAY'S LINE.
EVERY TUESDAY.
The favorite steamship J. EGG, E. M. BULKLEY, Commander, will sail on TUESDAY, Jan. 1, at 3 P. M. precisely, from Pier No. 16 East River, foot of Wall-st.
Through bills of lading and passage tickets given to all points in connection with the Georgia Central Railroad.
For freight or passage apply to
MURRAY, FERRIS & CO.,
Nos. 61 and 62 South-st.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA.—EVERY THURSDAY
—THE ATLANTIC COAST MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.'S side-wheel steamship
GENERAL BARNES, Capt. MORTON, sails THURSDAY, Dec. 27.
HERMAN LIVINGSTON, Capt. BAKER, sails on THURSDAY, Jan. 3.
From Pier No. 36 North River at 3 P. M.
Through passage tickets and bills of lading to all points in connection with the Central Railroad of Georgia. For freight or passage apply to
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., Agents, 88 Liberty-st.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS—BLACK STAR LINE.
The steamship
FUNG SHUEY, Capt. WADSWORTH,
will leave on SATURDAY, Dec. 29, from Pier No. 13 N. R., at 3 o'clock precisely.
For freight or passage, having superior accommodations, apply to
R. LOWDEN, Agent,
Corner Cedar and West sts.
DAVID McCOARD, Agent 84 New-Orleans.
The HUNTSVILLE follows on SATURDAY, Jan. 5.

STAR LINE FOR NEW-ORLEANS.
The NEW-YORK MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S fine steamships will leave Pier No. 46 North River, at 3 o'clock P. M., as follows:
MERRIMACK, (calling at Havana,) on SATURDAY, Dec. 29.
MANIPOSA, on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 2.
MISSISSIPPI, on SATURDAY, Jan. 5.
All bills of lading signed at the office upon the pier.
For freight or passage apply to
C. K. GARRISON, President. No. 5 Bowling-green.

THE ELEGANT
SCREW-STEAMER MERRIMAC,
Capt. VAN SICE, will sail for HAVANA SATURDAY, Dec. 29, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 46 North River.
For freight or passage apply to
GARRISON & ALLEN, Agents, No. 5 Bowling-Green, New-York.

RAILROADS.

HUDSON RIVER AND HARLEM RAILROADS.—On and after MONDAY, Nov. 19, 1866, trains for Albany and West, connecting with Northern and Western trains, will leave New-York as follows:
8 A. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, 30th-st. and 10th-av., through to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge without change of cars, and connecting at Troy with trains for Saratoga, Rutland, Burlington and Montreal.
10 A. M. Express and Mail train via Hudson River Railroad, connecting at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for North.
11 A. M. Express train via Harlem Railroad, 26th-st. and 4th-av., connecting at Chatham with Western Railroad for Lebanon Springs, Pittsfield, &c.; at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for Saratoga, Rutland, Burlington and Montreal.
4:15 P. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, connecting at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for Montreal, with sleeping car attached.
4:15 P. M. Express train via Harlem Railroad, connecting at Chatham with Western Railroad for Lebanon Springs, Pittsfield, &c.; at Albany with Western trains and at Troy with trains for Rutland, Burlington and Montreal. Sleeping cars attached at Albany.
6:30 P. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping car attached, connecting at Albany with early trains for Buffalo and Suspension Bridge, and at Troy with trains for Saratoga and points North.
A Sunday train will be run via Hudson River Railroad from New-York to Poughkeepsie and intermediate stations, leaving New-York at 8:30 A. M. Returning, leave Poughkeepsie at 2:45 P. M., arriving in New-York at 6:15 P. M.
Also, a Sunday train via Harlem Railroad, leaving 42d-st. at 9 A. M., and arriving at Millerton at 3:30 P. M. Returning, leave Millerton at 5 P. M., arriving in New-York at 12:30 A. M.
WM. H. VANDERBILT, Vice-President.

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—foot of Chambers-st., Pavonia Ferry:
8 A. M.—Day Express for Rochester, Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk, and all points West and South.
8:45 A. M.—Way Train daily to Otisville.
10 A. M.—Express Mail, Buffalo, Salamanca and West.
4 P. M.—Way, for Port Jervis, Newburgh, Warwick.
5 P. M.—Night Express, Buffalo, Salamanca and Dunkirk.
6:30 P. M.—Night Express, daily, for Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk, and all points West and South.
1:30 P. M.—Emigrant Train, daily, for the West.
Express trains run in direct connection with all Southern and Western lines.
WM. R. BARR, H. RIDDLE,
Gen'l Pass. Agent. Gen'l Sup't.

LONG ISLAND RAILROAD—WINTER ARRANGEMENT. FROM NOV. 1, 1866.
Leave James-slip, New-York:
9 A. M., mail train for Greenport and way stations.
11 A. M., for Syosset and way stations.
3 P. M., Riverhead Express train.
4 P. M., for Syosset and way stations.
5 P. M., for Farmingdale and way stations, and on Saturday nights for North Side.

NORTHERN RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY.—Trains leave Jersey City for Piermont at 6:25 and 9:12 A. M. and 1:15 4:22 and 6:02 P. M. Saturdays only at 11:15 P. M. The 9:12 and 4:22, run through to Monsey.
THOMAS W. DEMAREST, Superintendent.

STEAMBOATS.

THE OLD LINE.
SAG HARBOR, GREENPORT, ORIENT.
Steamer ARTISAN, Capt. S. C. GIBBS, from Pier No. 42 East River, foot of Houston-st.,) every WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY, at 4 P. M.
WILLIAMS BROTHERS, No. 5 Beekman-st.

WINTER ARRANGEMENT.
North Shore Staten Island Ferry Company's boats leave Pier No. 19 North River, between Courtland and Dey sts. at 8:00, 9:30 A. M., 12:00 M., 2:00, 4:00, 5:30 P. M.
Sundays at 9:00, 11:30 A. M., 2:30, 5:30 P. M.

FOR PROVIDENCE DIRECT.—THE
—steamer WICKSBURG, Capt. GEO. B. HULL, will leave Pier No. 35, North River, for Providence, EVERY SATURDAY AFTERNOON, at 4 o'clock.
Freight at reasonable rates by application on board or to
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The machinery (three sets) was built in Massachusetts, with all the latest improvements. The concern has a large local trade in cloths, and can put their goods in all the markets at low rates, being able to manufacture cheaply, and to buy wool at their own door at a cost of five cents a pound less than the cost to Eastern mills.
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PEREMPTORY SALE OF DWELLING-
HOUSES at auction, Dec. 27, at salesrooms No. 111 Broadway, 12, M., by MULLER & WILKENS: Finely located first-class three-story and brown-stone, No. 233 6th-st., Brooklyn; and 8th-st.; $13,000 each; do. brick, No. 121 46th-st.; do., No. 113 45th-st.; $10,000 on each can remain; well rented till May; 45th possess; all one-half block from Broadway cars; maps at auctioneers'.

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Poor Indigent and Crippled.—The funds for current expenses being nearly exhausted, the Society earnestly appeal to those who are disposed to assist this class of sufferers, with the request that contributions be sent either to Dr. Knight, at the Institution, No. 97 3d-av., or to the undersigned. *No one is, of course, authorized to call for subscriptions.* All ruptured and crippled will receive aid upon calling at the Institution; the poor, without charge; others, according to their ability.
JONATHAN STURGES, Treasurer, No. 125 Front-st., New-York.

NOTICE—THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF TWEnty (20) managers of the NEW-YORK INSTITUTION FOR THE BLIND, will be held at the Institution, corner of 9th-av. and 34th-st., on MONDAY, the 31st inst., at 2½ o'clock P. M. Polls to remain open one hour.
T. BAILEY MYERS, Secretary.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 22, 1866.

THE ANNUAL SESSION OF THE
Grand Chapter of the Zeta Psi Fraternity will be held at No. 864 Broadway at 10 A. M. Supper at 7 P. M. All resident graduate members are cordially invited to attend. By order of the Committee of Arrangements.

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beauty. The choirs did their work in a creditable and praiseworthy style; and, excepting in those churches, the rectors of which are noted for their attractive eloquence, the choirs constituted the great feature of the church services. In Trinity especially the time for the sermon was marked by an exodus which left abundant space for those who chose to remain. It was evident that the multitude did not crowd into that Cathedral-looking structure to study theology. The Church of the Holy Trinity, (Rev. STEPHEN H. TYNG, Jr., rector,) was decorated with all the taste which the congregation worshipping there is noted for. The Church of the Ascension, Trinity Chapel, Zion Church, St. Luke's, Calvary Church, Church of the Holy Communion, and others as worthy of mention, were appropriately arranged. The liturgical Church of St. Albans was profuse in its decorations and in its services, great pains having been taken to have an extraordinary vocal and instrumental musical performance.

The Catholic Churches.

The Festival of the Nativity is observed with greater ceremonies and solemnities in the Roman Catholic Church than anywhere else. It is preceded by several days of fasting and prayer, the fast being obligatory on all true believers. On Christmas Eve the ceremonies proper begin. The churches are all opened and usually filled to overflowing by those who come to offer up their thanks for the birth of our Saviour at the first flush of His natal morn. Services are conducted by the priests until 12 o'clock, and then as the sound of the last stroke of the midnight bell dies away, a solemn procession of priests and attendants enter, bearing the infant child in its cradle. Impressive ceremonies follow, amid the prayers and thanksgiving of priests and laymen. This ceremony was strictly observed in the Catholic Churches on Monday night, and the attendance was very large. Scarcely was this service concluded in some of them, when the doors were again opened for early Mass, said at 4 o'clock in the morning, for the benefit of those who were unable to attend at a later hour.

All the churches were decorated with evergreens and natural flowers, some more elaborately than others, but all with taste and liberality.

The congregation formerly worshiping in St. Patrick's Cathedral, celebrated High Mass at 4:30 o'clock, in the school building adjoining the ruins of the church so recently destroyed, and Low Mass each successive hour until 10 o'clock. At 10:30 Solemn High Mass was sung in a most impressive manner by professional singers.

At St. Francis Xavier's the same programme was observed. At 10:30 o'clock High Mass, the music of Haydn's No. 3, was given as an offertory, with baritone, solo and chorus. The service throughout was most impressive.

At St. Ann's Church, in Astor-place, the Mass was sung in a most superb manner by the regular choir, assisted by several members of the Italian Opera troupe.

At St. Andrew's, the Immaculate Conception, St. Teresa's, the Church of the Nativity, and at all the other Catholic Churches in New-York and Brooklyn, services were held nearly every hour in the day, from long before daylight until after dark. High and Low Mass were rendered in the morning, and in the evening Vespers followed. Each service was well attended, Solemn High Mass at 10:30 A. M., attracted the largest concourse of people. It was at this service that the exquisite works of the greatest musical composers were sung. Many Protestants were in attendance at this service, evidently believing that while good Christians may differ in regard to creeds, all may conscientiously unite in rendering thanks to Almighty God through the universal medium of music.

At the Island Institutions.

Yesterday, as for many years past, the inmates of our public institutions were made happy, for the time at least, by a liberal supply of creature comforts. Owing to the fact that by a recent regulation of the Commissioners of Charities and Correction no visitors are admitted to the institutions without a special permit, the number of persons who inspected the various departments under the charge of the Commissioners yesterday was quite small. Many who had not provided themselves with permits, on reaching the boat which runs to Randall's and the other islands found that they would not be permitted to go on board, and returned home sadly disappointed.

The Commissioners made their usual rounds yesterday, and visited nearly all the institutions under their charge. The first was Randall's Island. Here the boys under the charge of the warden, Mr. STEPHENS, received the Commissioners and their friends with a military salute and marshal music, escorted them to the hall, which was tastefully decorated with flags, prominent among which was one presented by Prince NAPOLEON.

After a hymn had been sung, the centor of the day stepped forth, welcomed the Commissioners and their friends to Randall's Island and thanked the Commissioners for the care and kindness which had been bestowed on those under their care. Commissioner BELL replied, and several of the boys and girls then recited some little pieces which they had perpared for the occasion, after which the boys exhibited their proficiency in military exercises, marching round the lawn with waving banners and beating drums.

Shortly after noon all set down to a good dinner, of which turkies and mince pies formed the prominent dishes. Afterwards a hugh quantity of books and candies, provided by the thoughtful kindness of Mr. F. S. WINSTON were distributed to the most deserving. Nor were the little sick ones in the hospital forgotten. Mrs. A. H. GRISWOLD took these under her special care, and made them happy with cakes, jellies, dolls and toys innumerable.

The Lunatic Asylum was next visited. The inmates were seated in a circle near the grand stairway. After an inspection of the wards, &c., all of which are kept beautifully clean, some music was performed, and then dinner was partaken of.

In the Almshouse, Workhouse and Penitentiary good and substantial dinners were provided for the inmates, and the male adults were allowed a liberal supply of tobacco. In the women's department of the Workhouse the women assembled in the chapel, and were addressed by the Warden.

In the City and District Prisons, Bellevue and the Charity Hospitals, appetizing dinners were provided for all. None were forgotten, and all appeared determined to make the most of the day and of the good things provided for them.

At the Tombs.

Passing from the bright and cheerful streets into the inner precincts of the City Prison, a vivid contrast presented itself to the eye and mind of the visitor. Without, the sound of Christmas horns and the rattle of the City cars made merry music, while the ever-passing crowds gave the streets a busy look. Inside the prison limits a deep silence reigned, the freshly-swept pavement in the court-yard gave forth a hollow sound as the visitor wended his way to the kitchen, and a few wistful faces in the station-house peered at him between the bars.

Christmas is one of the red-letter days in the prisoner's calendar, and is usually marked by a grand dinner provided for him through the kind thoughtfulness of the Commissioners of Public Charities. Yesterday proved no exception to this pleasant rule, and the scene in the main kitchen all the forenoon was a peculiarly busy one. Standing in front of a large dresser were two stalwart men, who busied themselves in cleaning and cutting up over one hundred plump chickens, preparatory to the mammoth fricassee soon to be served up to the expectant prisoners. Two large cauldrons were steaming with a delectable mass of pork, beef and potatoes, and thus a savory stew was in rapid course of completion. This gigantic dinner was served up to the 208 male and female prisoners at 1:30 o'clock, and was received with gladness and many a hearty utterance of thanks.

Our reporter found the corridors of the main prison filled with prisoners, who were allowed such slight liberty in remembrance of the day when the world was blessed by the birth of the Redeemer of sinners, and gladly was the boon enjoyed. Scarcely any of the male prisoners were restricted to the limits of their cells. JERRY O'BRIEN and GEORGE WAGNER, both now lying in the condemned cells under sentence of death, were of course closely confined, but they received all the other privileges of the day.

In the new prison very few were to be seen. In one of the larger and lower rooms were herded together a miscellaneous group of young boys, whose ages ranged from 8 to 12 years, and who stood charged with every crime known to the juvenile thief, mostly for burglary and sneak-thieving. They hailed our reporter with an eager shout, and many kind wishes, one or two slyly asking if he could not get them "out of limbo." Up stairs were JENKINS, the defaulting cashier, and BABCOCK, who is accused of complicity in the Lord bond robbery. JENKINS seemed in jovial spirits, and said his health was never better, albeit he had been in confinement seventeen months. BABCOCK was rather restless in his demeanor, as though he chafed at the restraint. The female prisoners were quiet, and conversed in groups on all sorts of subjects, many recalling earlier and happier days in the old country. This ended our reporter's round, and as the heavy iron gate opened for his exit and clanged behind, he found himself once more in the open street, and amid the scenes of every-day. Christmas seemed all the purer and holier to his eyes for that brief visit to the Tombs.

At the Five Points—Festival at the Mission, and at the House of Industry.

The children connected with the "Five Points Mission," and the "Five Points House of Industry," numbering together nearly 1,000 little juveniles of both sexes, were treated to a generous Christmas festival by the managers of those excellent institutions, and gave in return an entertainment equally acceptable to the friends and patrons of these and kindred charities, large numbers of whom were present to witness the exercises.

AT THE MISSION

the exercises commenced a little after 10 o'clock, by which time over 500 well-dressed boys and girls had assembled from the surrounding streets, and taken their places in the school-room. The exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. A. K. SANDFORD, of the Twenty-fourth-street M. E. Church—the children joining with the clergyman in reciting the Lord's Prayer at the close. A short and well-timed address was then made by Mr. SANDFORD, after which the children entertained the audience with singing and recitations, which evinced a progress in scholarship and musical culture truly astonishing, in view of the origin and antecedents of the pupils before they came under the guardianship and tutilage of the Mission. The public, a few days ago, had an opportunity to witness the advancement made by these little outcasts, in a concert given at Steinway Hall, and the exhibition proved so acceptable and interesting to the public that the managers have been requested to repeat the concert in Brooklyn. In compliance with the request the managers of the Mission have designated Friday, the 4th of January, when a repetition of the performance will be given at the Academy of Music in that city.

At the close of the exercises yesterday, presents were distributed among those children who had been regular in their attendance upon the Sunday and day schools, and who were distinguished for their good behavior. In addition to those presents for the more deserving, each pupil was presented with a paper-bag filled with candy, raisins, nuts, &c., as he passed out of the school-room, and all of them returned to their homes with smiling faces, wishing everybody a "Merry Christmas" on the way.

The House of Industry.

The children connected with this Institution, most of whom reside in the building, were given their usual Christmas dinner at 2 P. M., when between 400 and 500 hungry and happy boys and girls sat down, or rather stood up, to the long rows of tables in the basement, which were loaded down with fat turkeys, pies, fruit, confectionery, &c., contributed by the friends of the institution.

Previous to the dinner, the inmates gave an entertainment in the school-room, at which there was a large attendance of ladies and gentlemen. The exercises consisted of songs, choruses and Christmas carols; recitations in Scripture, mental arithmetic, geography, reading, &c., and were performed in a manner to reflect the highest credit upon the management of the institution.

Both the school-room and the dining-hall were tastefully adorned with evergreens and mottoes, and from the walls and the tables the Star-spangled banner displayed its shining folds, inspiring a patriotism which, next to a Christian education, shall best fit these waifs of humanity, the City's children, to become useful and worthy citizens of the Republic.

The festival at the House of Industry closed with the unveiling of the Christmas tree, which, during the exercises had been enrobed with the Stars and Stripes, and which was loaded down with presents of every variety for those inmates of the establishment whose good behavior had made for them the favor of Santa Claus or their teachers.

The Howard Mission and Home for Little Wanderers.

At this institution, situated at No. 37 New Bowery, there was a most joyful time yesterday. Not less than seven hundred children, of both sexes, partook of the bounties provided for them by the benevolent ladies and gentlemen of this City. The Superintendent, Rev. W. C. VAN METER, was there, and he seemed to be in his element. Judging from his kindly salutations, his words of cheer, and his countenance, running over (figuratively speaking) with love and good will to the "Little Wanderers," it occurred to us that there was no happier person in New-York than he. His whole heart is in the business, and it does one good—yea, much good—on the anniversary of our Saviour's birth, to witness the practical benevolence as exhibited in this "Little Wanderer's Home," situated as it is in one of the worst portions of the Fourth Ward. On such an occasion we think that the residents of the Fifth-avenue and Murray Hill would be benefited by a visit. Some of them, we know, were there—not in carriages, with a groom in livery, but on foot, bearing their burdens of good things—some with eatables, some with warm clothing, and more with small rolls of greenbacks. And yet this worthy and deserving Institution is not sufficiently known and appreciated. In a great city like this, it is true that the benevolence of the citizens is taxed to the utmost. There are many other highly deserving institutions. If those who are able and charitably inclined contribute largely to one, they have not much left for the others. But here is "The Home for Little Wanderers," otherwise called the "Howard Mission," right in the heart of the most neglected and, in some respects, the worst locality in this metropolis. It aims to do good to all, but its special work is to reach as many as possible of the 40,000 vagrant and destitute children of this city—children that neither the Common School Act nor the policy of our Sabbath-schools can reach; and unless these children be first cleansed, clothed and fed, they cannot attend day or Sabbath-school. During the past year 1,663 of these children have been received by this Mission, clothed from its wardrobe, fed from its tables, taught in its schools, and many of them have been placed in good homes. He saw there yesterday a number, (probably over twenty,) of young misses, between the ages of 13 and 17 years; all well-dressed, well-behaved and apparently happy. The Superintendent informed us they were the children of the institution. When quite small girls they were induced to come there. At first only for a meal or a present of some kind. The Board of Managers could not find them homes in the country, for the reason that a father or a mother, or both, objected to their going away. Such influences as were at the command of the Mission, have meantime been thrown around them. The girls attend the weekly prayer meetings, the Sabbath-schools, &c. For many of them good places have been secured, where they can work from 8 to 10 hours per day, for pretty good wages. They all feel a love for the institution and its managers; especially so in regard to the Superintendent, Rev. Mr. VAN METER. And yet it is felt that these young girls ought to have something done for them beyond what it is at present in the power of the institution to do. If the influences which it exercises over them should be necessarily relaxed for any reason, there is no telling what would be the result. At least fifty of these girls, who are just budding into womanhood, all the children of the Howard Mission, would, in a very short time, be led astray and perhaps ruined for life if left to themselves. This is the most critical period in their lives. It is our duty to tell philanthropists and moral reformers that they cannot do a better thing than to hold up the arms of this organization at the present time, and not let it suffer for want of pecuniary aid.

The exercises yesterday, in a musical way, were such as would do credit to audiences much more pretentious. The hymn beginning

"Lord teach a sinful child to pray,"

was sung by at least two hundred persons, the most of them children belonging to the Institution of "Little Wanderers." The music of these child-like voices sent a thrill of joy and gladness through the hearts of all present. The following song, entitled "Recruit for the Army Above," was sung by the children with much feeling: The following is the first stanzas:

"There's many a poor little boy,
Whose father and mother are dead,
Whose heart is a stranger to joy,
No home save a hovel or shed.
We care not how poor or rich he may be,
Go bring him in—salvation is free;
His soul is a jewel whose light by-and-by,
May shine in your crown like stars in the sky."

The singing was varied by remarks of the Superintendent and others, who related some incidents in the history of the Mission. We have only space for one or two. Mr. VANMETER has been traveling through Europe during the past season. When he was about to take his departure from England in a steamer for New-York, it was made known to him that a man engaged on one of the public works at or near Liverpool, had been suddenly thrown out of employment. He had a family, among which were two daughters of 7 and 9 years. The husband became utterly disheartened; he went and hanged himself. The mother, by reason of her habits of life, could not support the little ones. The American Consul became interested in the little girls, and being acquainted with Mr. VAN METER and his connection with the Home for Wanderers, he asked him, if he could, to place these waifs in good homes in the New World. All expenses of the passage, the Consul said, would be paid. Mr. VAN METER accepted the charge. These two girls were taken on board as steerage passengers. Soon after they left port the kind-hearted Captain of the steamer came to Mr. VAN METER and said he understood he had charge of those two children in the steerage. Mr. VAN METER said "Yes, he had." "Well," said the Captain, "you must not keep them in the steerage. They are children, remarkable in some respects; take them into the cabin, watch over them, do the best you can for them, and I will be at the expense of their cabin passage." In forty-eight hours after their arrival in New-York they both found good homes in Christian families in the City of Newark, N. J. They have been adopted as daughters by two gentlemen who live in adjoining houses. A lad who was brought over in the same steamer, under circumstances which would make philanthropists weep, if we had space to detail them, has, through the instrumentality of the Howard Mission, been placed at the business of an engraver, in this City, and has a good home in a Christian family in New-Jersey. He is treated as a son and brother, and the cords of affection are so entwined around him that, humanly speaking, he is out of the dangers which usually attend a young man upon his entrance into the metropolis.

This institution will be compelled to remove from its present place in a few months, the property having been purchased by a religious Society of this City. The question now is, where shall it be permanently located? Shall it be in the centre of the Fourth or the Sixth Ward, or shall it be on Murray Hill or Fifth-avenue? There can be but one answer to this: "The Howard Mission and Home for Little Wanderers" should be permanently located in that part of the City where it can be the most useful. The circular recently issued states, "In the Ward (the Fourth) in which we are located, there are less than two dwelling-houses for each rum-hole."

The circular concludes by saying that "$1 a week will buy food for a child—that the institution never goes in debt—it turns no homeless child from its door—it is carried on without asking or receiving an appropriation of a dollar from the School fund, City or State, and is sustained entirely by the free-will offerings of those who take pleasure in placing their benefactions for the poor in our hands."

Festival of the Forsyth-street M. E. Sabbath School.

The Sabbath School attached to the Forsyth-street M. E. Church held its usual Christmas Festival yesterday morning in the main audience-room of the building. The attendance of the scholars upon the occasion was unusually good; in round numbers there were not less than 550 present, and for them was provided one of the happiest treats they have enjoyed, perhaps, in many a day. After the usual devotional exercises, some very good music was heartily sung by the school, under the direction of Miss CRAWFORD, who presided at the organ, and following this were brief speeches by the Pastor of the church, Rev. F. BROWN, and J. H. OCHSENHAUSEN, Esq., Superintendent of the School. In justice we are bound to say that very little attention was paid to the exceedingly appropriate words of the speakers, for voices louder than theirs were talking to the scholars from the midst of three immense Christmas trees and several tables within the altar-railings, all weighed down with the burden of good things in store for the eager and expectant ones. At length the work of distribution of the presents, consisting, by the way, of nearly everything in the way of toys and fancy articles that a child could wish for, was commenced, and in a little while the happy scholars were wending their way homeward, freighted with bountiful gifts. This School, we understand, is growing rapidly, under the very successful efforts of Rev. GARRETT HAULENBECK, who is employed as missionary of the institution. Certainly a happier gathering could not be seen anywhere than was witnessed at the Forsyth-street Church.

German Festivities.

The influence which the peculiar German custom of Christmas celebration has exercised on our own treatment of the same subject, is certainly remarkable. One of the most pleasing instances we have had of the regular "Fatherland" fashion of welcoming the Holy Day, so preëminent above ordinary holidays in the Old World, occurred on the evening of the 24th inst., at GROS' Garden, No. 234 William-street. The celebrants were the pupils and friends of STEINHEIMER's Select School. The exercises consisted mainly of declamations and suitable dramatic personations, interspersed with musical performances, vocal and instrumental; in alternation with the distribution of the spoils of the illuminated Christmas trees to the little ones, and closing with the presentation, by each of the children, of some present of their own handiwork, or at least selection, to their parents. This latter ceremony, which took place accompanied by the speaking of little poetical addresses by the children as each presented his or her token of affection to the dear ones, was of a remarkably touching and impressive character. Tears in almost each case flowed faster than words from the previously eloquent little mouths, and repeatedly the moist eye had to express the fullness of heart which the oppressed tongue refused to convey. It is this feature of love, as the main element in the disciplining and governing power of the school, that obtains peculiar prominence in rites of this nature, which can hardly remain without an elevating influence on the most obdurate heart among the beholders as well as participants. One of the prettiest features of these festivities is the personation of the beautiful German myth of the "Christkind," (or infant Jesus,) attended by a troop of angel aids, who come to reward the good among the little mortals. The main rôle in this allegory was in the present case sustained by Miss STEINHEIMER. The German Glee Club, "Frauenlob," likewise participated in the proceedings.

Target Companies.

The class of persons who usually go on target excursions are those whose business confines them closely throughout all the working days of the year, and whose only opportunity for such enjoyment is afforded them on holidays. Yesterday a number of these companies left the city for some rural spot, where they might spend the day in pleasing contention for the list of attractive prizes offered by liberal "invited guests." Among other companies which passed the TIMES office we noticed the "Mansfield Guards," so called in honor of the polite and affable Police Justice of that name who presides at the Essex Market Court. They numbered fully 200 muskets, and made a most creditable appearance, under the leadership of Maj. BOWE, of the N. Y. S. Vols. The Twenty-second Regiment Band furnished the music, and we are assured that a most delightful day's sport was enjoyed by each of the excursionists. The "Fantasticals," numbering about 50 men and boys, dressed in the oddest sort of styles imaginable, paraded about the city, passing in review before the different newspaper offices. Among other fun-provoking devices which appeared upon their banners were the words, "This establishment does advertise in the New-York *Herald*," and on the reverse side of the same banner, in large, oddly-shaped letters, the words, "The Black Crook." The "Thos. W. Casey Guard," parading 70 muskets, also passed the TIMES office, bent on a good day's enjoyment, under command of Capt. JACOB VREELAND.

Amusements.

Skating being out of the question, the attention of the good people of Gotham was turned in other directions. From an early hour in the morning, until a late hour in the evening, the principal thoroughfares leading into the Central Park were literally thronged with the elegant equippages of the *habitués* of that place, who delighted in the enjoyment of the bracing, winter air, by which their appetites were keenly whetted for sumptuous Christmas dinners.

The *matinées* at the different places of public amusement throughout the City were liberally patronized, and wherever the public were invited for pleasure, at no matter what expense, a plethoric attendance was readily secured. In the evening, at the various theaters, concert-halls, &c., it was utterly impossible, ten minutes after the doors had been opened, to get a seat, unless one had been previously engaged, so completely thronged were all these places, and very many were compelled to retrace their steps homeward, without even getting a fair glance at the ticket-boxes. The Masonic Fair, at the corner of Grand and Crosby streets, with its ten thousand attractions, was of course well attended, there being no moment, from the time of opening until near midnight, when the building was not uncomfortably crowded with liberal patrons. To say that this noble enterprise has been at all unsuccessful, thus far, is only to declare the simple truth, and, no doubt, a far greater sum of money than was anticipated will be realized for the Hall and Asylum Fund.

In Brooklyn

The day was celebrated in the usual manner. All private and public places of business were closed, and employers and their employed enjoyed themselves in accordance with Christmas customs. The weather being cool and bracing, the boys took occasion to sound their horns, and in some instances made such a deafening noise as to molest numbers of persons. Pistols and guns were heard occasionally, but this custom is not as general as it was formerly. The bright day brought forth numbers of juveniles, however, of which the largest portion were on the way to their respective Sunday-schools, where, after the usual ceremonies, lots of good things awaited them. A target company of fantasticals marched through the streets, on the way to the suburbs, but unfortunately one of the number became tipsy and was arrested, and locked up until this morning. Another was taken into custody on the charge of obstructing the cars on the Myrtle-avenue Railroad. He was taken before the Justice, fined $5 and discharged. With this exception, nothing occurred of a disagreeable nature.

The churches were nearly all open and well attended. Many were handsomely decorated in a manner appropriate to the occasion, especially the Roman Catholic and Episcopal Churches.

The Church of the Holy Trinity was filled to its utmost capacity. The music, which was rendered by a quartette choir, assisted by Mr. GEORGE W. WARREN, organist, was an attractive feature. Rev. Dr. LITTLEJOHN, the Rector, delivered an eloquent discourse upon the day, its celebration and its significance.

The Roman Catholic Church of St. Charles Borromeo, in Sidney-place, which is celebrated for fine music, was thronged. The altar and walls were appropriately ornamented with evergreens, while a number of gas jets representing the Star of Bethlehem, shone brilliantly from the transcept in the rear of the altar, and fronting the congregation. The Rev. Dr. FRIEL delivered an excellent sermon upon the birth of the Saviour, and the blessings which that event conferred upon mankind. The choir sang the Pastoral Mass of Lambillotte; the grand Christmas hymn, *Adeste Fidelis;* selections from the Messiah; Pastoral Symphony, "There were Shepherds," "Glory be to God," and "Rejoice Greatly," concluding with HALNY's La Juive. The music was excellent. Madame BOUGLIONI did finely as soprano; Miss PETHICK as alto, Mr. BRUST as tenor, Mr. FLEMING as basso. The organist and conductor is Mr. WILLIAM DRESSLER. The exercises were highly impressive throughout. A collection for the Catholic orphans was taken up and a handsome sum was realized.

The annual missionary festival of the Sand-street Methodist Sunday-school was, as on all similar occasions, largely attended by scholars, their parents and friends. Offerings for the missionary cause were made by the classes, of which there are about forty. Some contributed over $100, and others less than $25. The entire sum, however, amounted to $1,849 04. Remarks were made by Rev. Mr. BUCKLEY and others, after which the children proceeded to the schoolroom in the rear, where they were treated with fruits and confectioneries, after which they dispersed.

A new Sunday-school chapel connected with the Church of the Saviour, corner of Pierrepont-street and Monroe-place, was formally dedicated yesterday before a large congregation of adults and children. The room formerly occupied in the main building was found to be damp and unhealthy, and it was therefore determined to erect a new structure, which has just been completed. It is of sufficient capacity to seat about 300 children. Addresses suitable to the occasion were made by Rev. Dr. FARLEY, Rev. A. P. PUTNAM, the Superintendent, and others. Several hymns were sung by the children, and after they were dismissed, every one was awarded with something nice as a Christmas gift.

At the Centenary Methodist Church, on the corner of Tillary and Jay streets, the children assembled in large numbers, and after listening to addresses by Rev. Messrs. MCALLISTER and HULL, and Mr. SHAFER, the Superintendent of the school, enjoyed a rich treat of candies, oranges, apples, &c., with which all appeared greatly delighted.

Similar services took place at the Washington-street Methodist Church, where, before the assembled congregation, the Pastor, Rev. Mr. HUNT, was presented with a baked potato, prepared by citizens of Dutchess County, N. Y., as a token of their esteem. The potato, on being opened, was found to contain a $500 bill. Everything was jovial and good-natured after that. Addresses were made by the Pastor, the Superintendent of the Sunday-school, and others, after which the children were treated to all the delicacies peculiar to the season.

A grand high mass was celebrated at 4 o'clock A. M. at the Church of St. Mary, Star of the Sea, attended by a congregation which filled the edifice. Services were held here nearly every hour of the day.

The Myrtle-avenue Mission School, on the corner of Navy-street; the Warren-street Mission School, near Columbia-street; the Bethel Mission, near the foot of Fulton-street; the York-street M. E. Sabbath School; the Pacific-street M. E. Sabbath School; the Tabernacle Babtist Sabbath School; Sabbath School of the Church of the Messiah, corner of Clermont and Greene avenues; St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Clinton-avenue, and the Industrial Schools, all enjoyed the Christmas holiday—every scholar being presented with cakes, confectioneries, fruits, &c.

In the evening a Christmas dinner was given to the boys at the Newsboys' Home, No. 69 Poplar-street. The institution accommodates some sixty boys, who are provided with a good bed and good meals at a very small price. Last night they had an extra supper, consisting of plumb pudding, roast beef and all the extras. After satisfying their wants, they were addressed by Mr. JOHN D. MCKENZIE, Hon. J. W. HUNTER and others.

At the Home for Destitute Children a liberal Christmas dinner was provided by the ladies having charge of the institution. An entertainment was also afforded the children such as they seldom have witnessed. This institution is now one of the most useful in the city. It was established but a short time since, and has already become one of the foremost in the work of doing good to the poor. The public rooms of the Home were decorated with evergreens and garlands in a beautiful manner, and things passed off generally to the satisfaction of a large concourse of visitors.

The day was very quietly observed throughout the Eastern District, and but for the sound of an occasional fish-horn, it would not have appeared different from a Sabbath day. Except in the candy and peanut line, no business was transacted after an early hour in the forenoon. Interesting services were held in the Episcopal and Catholic churches, and they were largely attended. At St. Mary's Church, Rev. Father MCDONALD, a High Mass was celebrated in the forenoon, after which a sumptuous dinner was given in the basement for some seventy poor children. Father MCDONALD asked a blessing on the good things so generously provided, and the hungry young ones were filled with delight and turkey for the first time, probably, in their lives. Thirty poor families were supplied with poultry by this Church. The usual Christmas services were held at the Churches of St. Peter and Paul, and St. Vincent de Paul, the music at the former being particularly good. Father MALONE celebrated High Mass. At Grace Church, Conselyea-street, there was a very good attendance, and an excellent and appropriate sermon preached.

Christmas in Newark.

In Newark Christmas was duly observed by a general suspension of business and services in many of the churches, which were appropriately trimmed. In several of the Sunday-schools there were Christmas trees and distribution of gifts.

At St. James' Catholic Church, in the Fifth Ward, there was High Mass at midnight on Christmas Eve. The church was brilliantly illuminated and SALLE's beautiful Mass was sung by the choir, assisted by a number of artists and a full chorus, accompanied by the organ and orchestra. Services were also held at this church yesterday, at 10:30 in the morning, and Vespers at 3:30 in the afternoon.

At St. Patrick's Cathedral, FARMER's Mass was given at midnight Christmas eve, and MOZART's Mass No. 12 was sung yesterday at 10:30 A. M.

Services were also held at the House of Prayer, and at the Central M. E. Church, in Market-street.

Christmas Day in Hudson County.

Christmas Day was more generally observed yesterday than was ever before known. The banks, public buildings, and business-places were closed the same as on the Sabbath, and all unnecessary labor being suspended, the people gave themselves up to rational enjoyment, and were unusually circumspect in their behavior. There were but two arrests in Jersey City during the day, and none in Hoboken or Hudson City.

The Episcopalian and Roman Catholic churches were all tastefully decorated with evergreens, and in all of them the usual Christmas services were held. In Jersey City the morning was ushered in by the celebration of a midnight Mass at the new St. Peter's Church, corner of Grand and Van Vorst streets, previous to which the chimes were sounded.

The children at the Home for the Friendless in Jersey City were provided with an excellent dinner, toys, &c., through the liberality of the citizens.

A company of fantastics—members and friends of Engine Company No. 3, of Jersey City—styling themselves the "Hound Town Rangers," paraded and attracted attention.

A fox-chase came off at Martin's Mansion House, on the Bergen Point Plank-road, and was well patronized by the sporting fraternity.

In the evening, the eleventh invitation hop of Diligent Social Club took place at Cooper Hall. The National Base Ball Club also had a hop at Iroqui's Hall, Jersey City.

Plymouth Sabbath-School—Election of Officers—Presentation to the Superintendent.

The Sabbath-school attached to the church over which Rev. HENRY WARD BEECHER presides, is one of the institutions of the land. It has nearly 1,500 names upon its roll, and an average attendance of not far from 1,000 pupils. The rooms in which the school meets each Sunday are spacious, elegantly furnished, adorned with pictures, a fountain and a beautiful organ. The Congregational singing, of which so much is justly said in praise of the church service, is done in no small degree to the constant and careful practice in which the scholars indulge at every session, making the neighborhood resonant with enthusiastic harmony. On Saturday evening last, at an election for officers, Messrs. RAYMOND, ALLEN and the rest were almost unanimously rechosen to fill the positions they have occupied during the current year. Mr. R. W. RAYMOND, the Superintendent, was made the happy victim of a surprise in the genial shape of six magnificently bound volumes of sacred literature, and a further contribution of greenbacks with which he was desired to procure some Christmas gift of personal preference. The presents were accompanied by a note written in behalf of the teachers by Mrs. Dr. MORRELL, in which the earnest and intelligent labors of the Superintendent were reviewed in a kindly and appreciative spirit.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—The Sunday-school of the Eighty-sixth-street M. E. Church will hold their yearly anniversary on Thursday evening, Dec. 27, at the church, near Fourth-avenue. Exercises by the children, assisted by PHILLIPS PHILLIPS, the popular Sunday-school singer. To commence at 7 o'clock P. M.

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TOILET SLIPPERS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.—These handsome and useful articles are admirably adapted for holiday gifts, and they can be procured in great variety at CANTRELL'S, No. 513 Broadway.

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Nothing fortifies the system against the rigors of a "cold term" so admirably as a cup of the celebrated KENT'S EAST INDIA COFFEE. For sale by all grocers, at 25 cents per pound. Wholesale depot, No. 154 Reade-st.

Passengers Arrived.

DEC. 25—*In steamship Columbia, from Glasgow*—Alex. Ferguson, Edward Bleet, Mrs. Thompson, Misses Miles and Elizabeth Thompson, Geo. Kennedy, Mrs. Fisher, Miss Harriet Fisher, Jas Sprunt, Thomas Eyrer, George Thompson.

In steamship San Jacinto, from Savannah—R. Blow, Capt. Haines, A. Fisher, F. Schumann, J. W. O'Conner, C. F. Morse, C. A. Perkins, F. A. Anthony, G. Williams.

MINIATURE ALMANAC—THIS DAY.
Sun rises..... 7 23 | Sun sets..... 4 35 | Moon rises....10 26
HIGH WATER—THIS DAY.
Sandy Hook..11 11 | Gov. Island.12 00 | Hell Gate.... 1 22

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

NEW-YORK....TUESDAY, Dec. 25.

Arrived.

Steamship Columbia, (Br.,) Carnaghan, Glasgow 7th inst., Londonderry 8th, with mdse. and 109 passengers to Francis Macdonald. Experienced heavy westerly gales; 16th, experienced a hurricane from S. W.; hove ship to for 6 hours; on Saturday, Dec. 22, at 4 P. M., lat. 42 09 N., lon. 60 04 W., passed steamship Iowa, bound E.

Steamship Dudley Buck, Partridge, Newbern, N. C., with mdse. and passengers to Murray, Ferris & Co. 24th inst., saw a bark ashore on Chincoteague Shoals, apparently not long in that condition; could not make out her name.

Steamship Gen. Sedgwick, Whitehurst, New-Orleans Dec. 18, with mdse. and passengers to C. H. Mallory & Co.

Steamship Rebecca Clyde, Snyder, Newbern, N. C., 60 hours, with naval stores to Jas. Hand.

Steamship San Jacinto, Loveland, Savannah 60 hours, with mdse. and passengers to Garrison & Allen.

Steamship Veteran, Spencer, Beaufort, N. C., with mdse. and passengers to Murray, Ferris & Co.

Steamship Raleigh, Marshman, Richmond and Norfolk, with mdse. and passengers to Livingston, Fox & Co.

Bark Bella, (of Liverpool,) Martin, Wnampoa Aug. 30, with mdse. to master. Passed Angier Oct. 1, Java Head 3d, Cape of Good Hope Nov. 4, in co. with bark Sir George Gray, from Algoa Bay for Boston; and St. Helena Nov. 16, crossed the equator Nov. 22.

Bark Madonna, (of St. John, N. B.,) Jordan, Demerara Nov. 26, with molasses, &c., to Jed Frye & Co. Sld. in co. with brig Wm. A. Rogers, for Baltimore, and saw her Dec. 15, in lat. 34, lon. —.

Bark Riva, (of Tortola, W. I.,) Berry, Maracaibo 12 ds., with coffee and hides to Maitland, Phelps & Co. Had heavy weather in the Gulf.

Bark Artistic, (of Cardiff,) Gammon, Rio Janeiro 63 ds., with coffee to order.

Bark Amazon, (of Windsor, N. S.,) Macdonald, Inagua 14 ds., with salt to D. R. De Wolf & Co. Left no vessels.

Brig La Creole, (Dutch,) Campbell, Curacoa Dec. 8, with hides, &c., to Dowais & Co. Has experienced heavy gales from the north during the passage. Sld. in co. with schr. Tigris, for New-York, and spoke her again Dec. 14, lat. 34 25 N., lon. 71 30 W. U. S. steamer Dacotah sld. 8th inst. for Santa Cruz.

Brig Music, (Br.,) Klein, Hong Kong Aug. 16, with mdse. to master. Passed Angier Oct. 3, Cape of Good Hope Nov. 6, crossed the equator Nov. 28; has been 9 days N. of lat. 30 with strong N. and N. W. winds. Nov. 14, George Reed, a seaman, died and was buried at sea.

Brig Eastern Star, (of New-Haven,) Foster, Barbadoes 18 ds., with molasses, &c., to Bishop Bros. Has had a succession of W. and N. W. gales since passing the latitude of Bermuda.

Brig Catharine Morris, (of Parrsboro, N. S.,) Rogarts, Demerara 30 ds., with sugar and molasses to G. F. Penniston & Co.

Brig Robert Mowe, (of New-Haven,) Motchkiss, Demerara 25 ds., with molasses and sugar to H. Trowbridge's Sons. Left no vessels.

Brig Eiche, (Hanov.,) Poghoeft, Rio Janeiro 56 ds., with coffee to Punch, Meinicke & Wendt. Has had heavy weather the last 15 days.

Brig Maria Wheeler, Wheeler, Port Royal 7 ds., with ordnance to master.

Brig Rachel Coney, Coney, Bangor, with lumber to Holyoke & Murray.

Brig Sibyl, (of Turks Island,) Taylor, Trinidad, Cuba, Nov. 29, with sugar to W. Sellick. Has been 10 days N. of Hatteras with heavy N. W. winds.

Schr. Ocean Bird, (of Hatteras, N. S.,) Ellis, Salt Cay, T. I., 25 ds., with salt to G. F. Penniston & Co. Has been 15 ds. N. of Hatteras with strong northerly gales; lost gaffey and jibboom, and split sail.

Schr. Ottawa, (of St. John, N. B.,) Pye, Para 28 ds., with rubber, &c., to F. I. Nevius & Son. Off Bermuda had heavy northerly gales.

Schr. Tigris, (of Windsor, N. S.,) Lockhart, Curacoa Dec 8, with mdse. to D. R. De Wolf & Co.

Schr. Lunita, Underhill, Mayaguez, P. R., 11 ds., with oranges to J. & T. Pearsall.

By Telegraph.

FORTRESS MONROE, Dec. 25.—Arr. bark Parthian, from Rio; encountered two heavy gales; bark Campanero, brigs Eagle and John Welsh, hdg. for New-York.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—The Br. ship St. John, for Liverpool, with 261,000 sacks of wheat, old, yesterday.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 25.—Sld